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RE: Student & Employee COVID-19 Guidelines as of August 16, 2022

The COVID-19 strain of Omicron has led to recent changes in the length of isolation and quarantine by the CDC/ADPH. In response, Colbert County Schools has made changes to our COVID-19 guidelines in an effort to preserve in-person learning.

Symptomatic but not confirmed cases of COVID-19

- Individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should remain at home or will be sent home and should consider being tested for COVID-19. Parents should contact their child's doctor for guidance.
- Regardless of whether they are tested for COVID-19, the person should remain at home until they have doctor's orders to return.

Positive cases (Isolation)

- Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, should remain at home and follow their doctor's orders concerning when to return to school.
- The CDC/ADPH guidance recommends that a well-fitting mask should be worn indoors if a community is listed in the High COVID Level.

Exposure to a positive case outside of the school setting

- Exposures outside of school are at increased risk of transmission. For that reason, individuals exposed to a case outside of the school setting should follow their doctor's orders.
- The CDC/ADPH guidance recommends that a well-fitting mask should be worn for an additional 5 days.

Exposures at school

- Persons exposed in the school setting will be allowed to attend school if they remain asymptomatic.

In addition to the changes listed above, mitigation measures will continue to be implemented. We appreciate everyone's support in contributing to a healthy and safe learning environment for all.

Sincerely,

Chris Hand
Superintendent