

*Update*  
*From Your Superintendent*  
*February 4, 2022*

## **COVID CLOSE CONTACTS**

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Dear Wildcat Families,

We are establishing new quarantine guidance for students following a close contact with a COVID positive individual. Other local school districts within the Mecosta/Osceola Intermediate School District are also making this change effective Monday, February 7, 2022. Currently students who were close contacts had to quarantine for five (5) days and could return on the sixth day to school if the student had no symptoms and wore a mask. Now students who are close contacts and who are symptom free will remain in school. Parents will be notified that their child was a close contact and asked to monitor their student for symptoms for 10 days. As long as the student does not exhibit any symptoms he/she can continue to come to school. The student will not be required to wear a mask although masks are encouraged. This is the only change you will find on the updated flowchart.

Other schools both to our north and south have been using this quarantine procedure for quite some time. We have been waiting for the right time to implement this change. We wanted to do this after the holiday break but then we saw the surge in cases and the number of students and staff affected. Attendance has been around 90% the last two weeks so I feel comfortable making this change to allow more students to be in school every day.

Thank you for your patience and understanding. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me 231-734-5594 or any building principal.

Sincerely,

*Shirley*