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Dear Armada Area School Families,

The Macomb County Health Department (MCHD) has revised their quarantine/isolation protocols from a 10-day period to a 5-day period as long as symptom-free for 24 hours. The MCHD has authority to mandate protocols under the Michigan Public Health Code.

Effective immediately, the new district protocols are as follows:

- A student or staff member who tests positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for five (5) days after the onset of their symptoms. Returning to school or work after an isolation period of five (5) days includes wearing a mask for days 6 – 10. If a student or staff person is unwilling or unable to wear a mask, they should isolate for ten (10) days.
- An unvaccinated individual that is exposed (less than three feet for greater than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period) to a person with COVID-19 has the following five (5) options:
 - o Quarantine at home for ten (10) days; **OR**
 - o Quarantine at home for 7 days if they test negative at least 5 days after exposure; **OR**
 - o Quarantine at home for five (5) days and wear a mask for days 6 – 10. Testing on day 5 is recommended; **OR**
 - o Remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities if they test negative every other day up to and including day 6 and they wear a mask for 10 days. Testing is not necessary on weekends or holidays unless attending a school activity; **OR**
 - o Remain in school and participate in extracurricular activities if they test negative daily for 7 days (must test each day prior to attending school – close contacts from a school setting will be able to test at school as long as test kits are available). Wearing a mask is recommended for 7 days. Testing is not necessary on weekends or holidays unless attending a school activity.
- Students or staff members who have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to quarantine.
- In a close contact situation, students or staff members who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19 do not need to quarantine. Fully vaccinated for students is defined as two (2) weeks or more following receipt of the second dose using a 2-dose series (i.e., Pfizer or Moderna) or receipt of one dose using a single dose vaccine (i.e., Johnson & Johnson).
- The quarantine period for unvaccinated household contacts is five (5) days after the date the person with confirmed or probable COVID-19 completes the isolation period if ongoing close contact cannot be avoided. If ongoing close household contact can be avoided, the quarantine period is five (5) days after the date close household contact ended.

If you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, my door is open. I can be reached via email at mmusary@armadaschools.org or by phone at 586-784-2112.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools

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