

## **Modified Isolation & Quarantine for All of Ohio – (Amended 1/28/22)**

1. If you are made aware of a COVID positive case:
  - a) The positive individual is required to isolate at home for the first 5 days of symptom onset;
  - b) Understand the symptoms the individual has at the end of the 5 day isolation period:
    - i) If they still have a fever and/or other symptoms that have not improved, they need to continue to isolate at home.
    - ii) If fever is gone and other symptoms are getting better, they can return to work or school on day 6, provided they wear a 3-layered mask over their nose & mouth for the next 5 days.
2. If someone has COVID symptoms, but has not been diagnosed, they need to stay home until they are tested, or see a doctor to be diagnosed. (With Omicron spread, you assume symptoms are positive.)
3. **Asymptomatic persons exposed (within 6ft. for 15 minutes) to a positive person in any setting, regardless of vaccination status may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following (Mask to Stay):**
  - a) **Wear a mask for 10 days after their last date of exposure**
  - b) **Self-monitor, or parent monitor for symptoms of COVID-19**
  - c) **Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity)**
4. Parents and students are responsible for symptom monitoring; however, if nurses/school staff see a child exhibiting symptoms they should act accordingly.
5. Given the increased coverage of vaccination, effectiveness of vaccines in preventing severe illness, emergence of more transmissible variants, and increased understanding of public health prevention measures, universal contact tracing is no longer the most effective mitigation strategy.
6. TCCHD asks that you do the following:
  - a) Report daily to LHD any known COVID cases that are identified within the school setting
  - b) Report weekly to LHD (by Friday close of business) all known positive COVID cases that occurred during that week
7. Schools may discontinue universal contact tracing but are expected to assist local health departments (LHDs) with contact tracing, case investigation and exposure notification related to outbreaks or clusters in schools as determined by the LHD. An outbreak is defined as two or more cases who are epidemiologically linked with a common exposure in the same setting.  
(For example, boy A and B sit close in class. Boy A becomes symptomatic and tests positive for COVID. Days later, boy B becomes symptomatic, consequently testing positive for COVID).
8. A cluster of cases is an aggregation of cases which are closely grouped in time and place. For this reason, we ask that you do the following:
  - a) Report immediately to LHD any 5% increase of COVID cases within each school building. (For example, a school with 100 people (students and staff cumulative) would report to LHD if they have 5 cases on any single day)