

## STUDENT & STAFF ISOLATION

**For students and staff who have tested positive (and therefore must isolate), the updated DHEC criteria for return is:**

- Students and/or staff who test positive for COVID19 must isolate for at least **5 days** since symptoms started (return on Day 6 at earliest) – **AND** –
- 24 hours since the last fever without using fever-reducing medication – **AND** –
- Symptoms have significantly improved (must have parent note confirming all criteria meet).
- As required by DHEC, students and staff who choose to return after Day 5 must wear a mask for days 6-10.

## STUDENT & STAFF QUARANTINE

**For students and staff who are considered a close contact of someone with COVID-19, the updated DHEC criteria for return is:**

### **IF UNVACCINATED:**

- **Option 1: TO AVOID QUARANTINE:** Students and staff may now choose to follow the Test to Stay protocols as detailed by DHEC (must not have symptoms, must agree to be tested within 5-7 days of contact, and must wear a mask for 10 days).
- **Option 2:** Must quarantine for **5 days** and may return on Day 6 if a COVID19 test is **NEGATIVE – AND – no symptoms reported**. If an individual considered to be a close contact chooses not to be tested and has no symptoms, they must quarantine through Day 10. The test must be taken no earlier than Day 5, and quarantine must continue through Day 5 (return on Day 6). As required by DHEC, masks must be worn through Day 10.
- **Option 3:** Students or staff who are not able to separate from a household member with COVID-19 must quarantine for at least **5 additional** days after the infected person is no longer in isolation (a minimum of 10 days). The student or staff member may test on Day 10 and return on **Day 11** if a COVID-19 test is **NEGATIVE – AND – no symptoms** are reported.

### **IF VACCINATED (with Booster, if eligible):**

- No quarantine required (as long as symptom free).
- DHEC recommends test on Day 5 (even if symptom-free). Must wear mask Days 1-10 at school.

If you are considered to be a close contact but are fully vaccinated (with booster, if eligible) or have been infected with COVID-19 in the previous 90 days, you do not have to quarantine for any length of time.