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Dear Warrior Families:

We are continually assessing our health situation at each school with our staff and student populations. We have had multiple positive cases, mostly at the secondary level, and even more quarantines due to these cases. However, we have been able to remain open to in-person instruction to date and hope that this may continue for the long haul. It is our intent and priority to remain face-to-face as much as possible working through our cases and exposures as they occur.

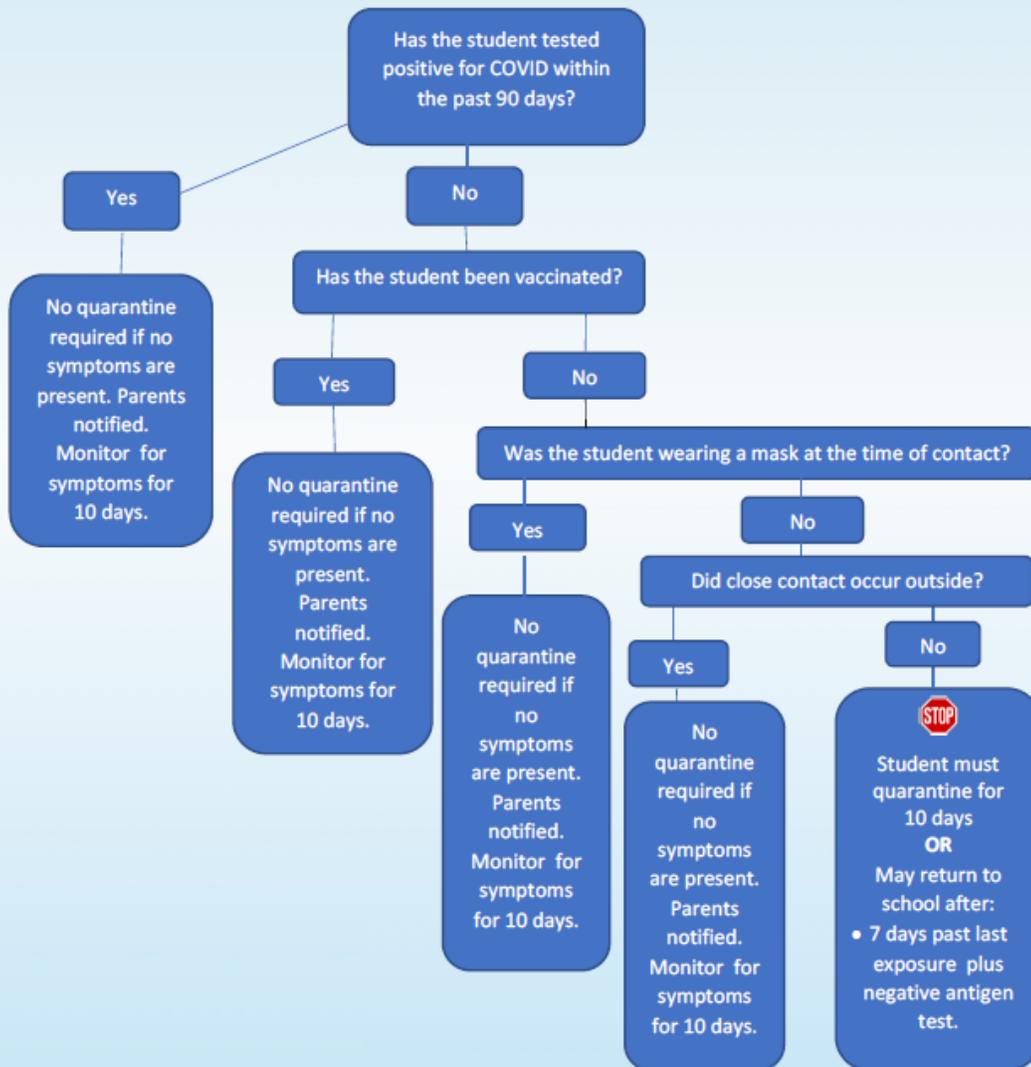
I meet regularly with the other local superintendents within our ISD as we strive to create safe environments for our students that still allow as much in-person instruction as possible. We have modified our student close contact flowchart already this year and are doing so again in response to current MDHHS and DHD #10 guidance. It is attached and should be reviewed in detail as it does offer some major changes regarding quarantining. Again, we are making these changes with the greatest intent to stay face-to-face while maintaining a safe learning environment for our students and staff. Each staff member and student plays an integral role in this process and has the ability to impact their own situation with personal choices. This also means that there are potential ramifications for our choices, but they are known based on the attached protocol (flowchart).

I continue to encourage everyone to get vaccinated if possible and/or wear a mask to avoid negative impacts on learning opportunities. I have spoken with a number of people who have shared that they didn't know they would be exempt from quarantining if they had just worn a mask. This has been the protocol from the beginning and remains so on this current version. We will assist as much as possible with testing based on our resources and availability. We do ask that you be patient as we accommodate this change knowing home kits are not readily available and testing at school, if desired, may require some effort on behalf of impacted families. This consideration is appreciated as we continue to move forward hoping to mitigate the spread of the coronavirus in our setting and provide the quality education your child(ren) deserves.

Please review the flowchart provided on the back of this letter so you are aware of how we can stay face-to-face as much as possible despite the exposures that will likely occur and understand the potential outcomes of our choices. Working together and making choices that help us accomplish our desired outcome we can continue to keep Chippewa Hills a great place to learn, work and live...let's keep it that way by staying in-person. Stay strong Warriors.

Dr. Michael Bob Grover, Jr.

Quarantine Guidance for Students Following a Close Contact with a COVID Positive Individual



*Close contact as defined by 3 feet or less for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period.