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Dear Parent/Guardian Name,

Your student, student's name, has symptoms of COVID-19 based on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services Exclusion Criteria. It is recommended that your student gets a COVID-19 test. Your student and household members need to stay home from school. Follow the guidelines below. We will work with you to have your student get make-up work during this time.

We understand that having your student stay home from school is likely an inconvenience for your household. However, restrictions like this are necessary to keep schools open to in-person instruction.

Return to school criteria for your student and household members is based on the following:

The CDC, as well as Wisconsin DHS, both still recommend a 14-day quarantine as the safest option following exposure to COVID-19, as symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. However, DHS is also providing alternate options.

No COVID-19 Test:

Your student will stay home from school for 10 days since the first symptoms began AND until fever free without the use of medications for 24 hours AND symptoms are getting better. Based on your student's symptoms, your student could return to school no sooner than **(put date of 11 days since symptoms first began)** if they do not get a COVID-19 test.

Your student's household members can return to school and/or work 14, 10 or 7 days after last close contact with ill student, if criteria within those guidelines are met (see descriptions below).

- If your ill student can be separated from other household members with their own bedroom and bathroom and have meals brought to them, the 14, 10 or 7 days can start today.
- If other household members cannot be separated from the ill student because of the layout of your home or because of the age of the ill student, then the 14, 10 or 7 days for the household members starts on the last day of the ill student's isolation.

Positive COVID-19 Test Result:

Your student will stay home from school for 10 days since the first symptoms began AND until fever-free without the use of medications for 24 hours AND symptoms are getting better.

Your student's household members can return to school and/or work 14 days after last close contact with the ill student. With the new quarantine guidance, household members can return to school and/or work based on the following timelines IF the following criteria are met:

- A close contact to a positive case can **quarantine for 10 days** and return to school/work on Day 11 if there are **no symptoms present after 10 days and without having had a COVID-19 test**. Monitoring of symptoms must continue through day 14.
- A close contact to a positive case can **quarantine for 7 days** and return to school/work on Day 8 if there are **no symptoms present after 7 days AND there is a negative COVID-19 test result**. The COVID-19 test must be done within 48 hours of the proposed end of quarantine (on day 6 or 7 of quarantine). Monitoring of symptoms must continue through day 14.
- If your ill student can be separated from other household members with their own bedroom and bathroom and have meals brought to them, the 14, 10 or 7 days can start today.

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- If other household members cannot be separated from the ill student because of the layout of your home or because of the age of the ill student, then the 14, 10 or 7 days for the household members starts on the last day of the ill student's isolation.

Negative COVID-19 Test Result:

If your student is *excluded* for symptoms and is not a close contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, they can return to school 24 hours after they are fever-free without the use of fever reducing medication, unless they are diagnosed with a different illness which requires the student to stay home based on a medical provider's guidance.

Your student's household members can return to school and or work immediately if they are symptom free and not a close contact of a positive case.

If your student is *quarantined* for being a close contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19, your student must complete the full 14, 10 or 7 day quarantine period based on meeting all of the criteria as outlined above.

If your family needs help with any of the following services:

- Scheduling an appointment for COVID-19 testing
- Transportation support to a COVID-19 testing site
- Interpreting Service
- Questions about District and Eau Claire City-County Health Department Guidelines concerning COVID-19

Please contact:

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Thank you for helping to keep everyone in our school healthy.