WHITEFORD AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- Contact your child's school office regarding absence
 - Elementary Office Elaine Thieman at 734-856-1443 Ext. 110
 - Middle/High Office Angel Webb at 734-856-1443 Ext. 108
- Contact your child's teachers through Schoology regarding missed assignments/work
- Superintendent's Office will contact you regarding details of isolation for safe return
- Superintendent's Office will submit to Monroe County Health Department as required

STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

- People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home.
- Testing is recommended for people with <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u> as soon as possible after symptoms begin.
- People who are <u>at risk for getting very sick</u> with COVID-19 who test positive should consult with a healthcare provider right away for possible treatment, even if their symptoms are mild.
- Staying home when sick can lower the risk of spreading infectious diseases, including COVID-19, to other people.

WHEN TO ISOLATE

- Everyone, regardless of vaccination status should isolate themselves from others when you have COVID-19.
- You should also isolate yourself if you are sick and suspect that you have COVID-19, but do not yet have test results.

| If you had symptoms | If you had NO symptoms |
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| Day 0 of isolation is the day of symptom onset, regardless of when you tested positive. | Day 0 is the day you were tested (not the day you received your positive test results). |
| Day 1 is the first full day after the day your symptoms started. | Day 1 is the first full day following the day you were tested. |
| | If you develop symptoms within 10 days of when you were tested, the clock restarts at Day 1 on the day of symptom onset. |

ISOLATION

- If you test positive for COVID-19, stay home for at least 5 days (Days 1-5) and isolate yourself from others in your home. You are likely most infectious during these first 5 days.
- Wear a high-quality mask if you must be around others at home and in public.
- Do not go places where you are unable to wear a mask.
- Stay home and separate from others as much as possible.
- Use a separate bathroom, if possible.
- Take steps to <u>improve ventilation</u> at home, if possible.
- Don't share personal household items, like cups, towels, and utensils.
- Monitor your <u>symptoms</u>. If you have an <u>emergency warning sign</u> (like trouble breathing), seek emergency medical care immediately.

ENDING ISOLATION

• End isolation based on how serious your COVID-19 symptoms were.

| If you had symptoms | If you had NO symptoms |
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| You may end isolation after Day 5 if: • You are fever-free for 24 hours • Symptoms are improving | You may end isolation after Day 5. |
| If you still have fever or other symptoms have not improved, continue to isolate until they improve or consult your healthcare provider for further guidance. | |

REMOVING YOUR MASK

• After you have ended isolation, when you are feeling better (no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and symptoms improving), wear your mask through day 10.

OR

- If you have access to antigen tests, you should consider using them.
- With two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, you may remove your mask sooner than day 10.
- If your antigen test results are positive, you may still be infectious.
- You should continue wearing a mask and wait at least 48 hours before taking another test.
- Continue taking antigen tests at least 48 hours apart until you have two sequential negative results.
- This may mean you need to continue wearing a mask and testing beyond day 10.

EXPOSURE TO COVID-19

- Wear a mask as soon as you find out you were exposed.
- Day 0 is the day of your last exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Day 1 is the first full day after your last exposure.
- Continue precautions for 10 full days.
- You can still develop COVID-19 up to 10 days after you have been exposed.
- Watch for symptoms.
- If you develop symptoms, isolate immediately, get tested, stay home until you know the test results.
- Get tested at least 5 full days after your last exposure.
- If you already had COVID-19 within the past 90 days, see specific testing recommendations.
- If you test NEGATIVE, continue taking precautions through day 10.

References

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (n.d.). *Operational guidance for K-12 schools and early care and education programs to support safe in-person learning*. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html