

Warrensburg R-VI School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Earlier today, the CDC announced two acceptable alternatives to the quarantine time of 14 days for an individual who is considered a close contact. The CDC also reiterated their continued recommendation of 14 days, but that "local public health authorities determine and establish the quarantine options for their jurisdictions." Click <u>here</u> for more information on today's announcement.

FIRST ALTERNATIVE: Quarantine for 10 days as long as there are no symptoms. <u>If an</u> *individual is experiencing any symptoms, that person will need to quarantine for the full 14 days.*

SECOND ALTERNATIVE: Quarantine for seven days as long as there are no symptoms AND an individual has tested negative on or after day 5.

As has been our practice with any new COVID regulations and guidelines, we contacted Johnson County Community Health Services to obtain their opinion on today's CDC announcement. JCCHS advised that of the two alternatives, the **FIRST ALTERNATIVE - quarantine for 10 days as long as there are no symptoms -** would allow for more accurate tracking and reporting and is their advised alternative for the continued safety and health of students and staff.

Keeping in mind the needs of our students, parents, and staff, the District evaluated the new and updated COVID guidelines and will be implementing the **FIRST ALTERNATIVE**. The District will continue with its current protocol of masks required, maintaining a social distance of 6ft as much as possible, and frequent handwashing.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Brian Wishard, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services at <u>bwishard@warrensburgr6.org</u> or 660-747-7823.

Thank you for your continued understanding and support, Andy