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Warrior Families & Staff,

Effective January 4, 2021, Smithville School District (SSD) will implement the following changes to the district's COVID-19 quarantine guidelines. SSD works closely with local, state and national health agencies to determine best practices to keep our students, employees and families safe. Below is a quick timeline of events and how they will impact our schools moving forward.

On December 2, 2020, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released [additional options to their quarantine guidelines](#) for those who have been exposed to COVID-19.

On December 7th, 2020, the Clay County Public Health Center (CCPHC) [released additional options to quarantine guidelines](#) based on what is best for communities within Clay Country.

On December 16, 2020, the Smithville Board of Education approved the following changes to Smithville School District's quarantine guidelines and procedures. These changes will take place when we return from winter break on **January 4, 2021**.

- As detailed in the December 2nd CDC update, individuals who have been identified as a close contact may end quarantine after 10 days **IF they show no symptoms of COVID-19**.
- If at any time during the 14-day time period the individual develops symptoms of COVID-19, they must isolate and get tested for COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- The individual must wear a mask and participate in daily symptom monitoring for the full 14-day time period following the exposure.

- If the individual is unable to wear a mask (in general or for a particular activity), they must complete the 14-day quarantine or **avoid participation in activities for which they cannot wear a mask for the duration of the 14-days**. This includes all extracurricular and athletic activities.
- These changes will not be in effect until January 4, 2021. Due to the logistical challenges involved with making these changes, we will maintain current 14-day quarantine practices until that time.

CCPHC has determined it is **unable to support the option of quarantine being discontinued after 7-days with a negative COVID-19 test**. Attempting to do so at this time would have an adverse impact on our community diagnostic testing efforts.

Lastly, SSD will continue to track COVID-19 related data during the upcoming winter break (Dec 23 - Jan 3). Please report to us if your student has tested positive for COVID-19 or if they have been in direct contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. Your specific building will be providing more information on how to report if your student has encountered either of these situations.