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To: Rim of the World Unified School District Employees and Families
Re: COVID-19 Guideline Changes for January 2022
Date: January 19, 2022
From: Rim of the World Unified School District

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic guidance and regulations regarding in person instruction in the K12 setting continues to change and evolve. At ROWSD we are committed to providing in person schooling for our students and families and are modifying our policies to comply with the newest regulations. The latest full guidance can be found at <https://www.cdph.ca.gov/Programs/OPA/Pages/NR21-371.aspx>

This guidance emphasizes the differences between isolation and quarantine. **Isolation refers to a person who tests positive. Quarantine refers to a person that has been exposed to someone with COVID.** The guidance also makes distinctions between students and staff.

For Employees: [Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for COVID-19 Contact Tracing](#)
For Students: [K-12 Guidance 2021-22 School Year](#)

Specific changes were made to sections 7-10 and to the group tracing approach. Listed below:

7. Quarantine recommendations for student close contacts who have completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines OR were previously infected with (laboratory confirmed) SARS-CoV-2 within the last 90 days:
 - a. Quarantine is NOT recommended. Students without symptoms may remain in school and participate in all school activities. If symptoms develop, they should test and stay home; OR
 - b. Schools may follow the recommendations provided in the [Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting](#)

8. Quarantine recommendations for student close contacts who have NOT completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines NOR were previously infected with (laboratory confirmed) SARS-CoV-2 within the last 90 days for exposures when both parties were wearing a mask, as required in K-12 indoor settings. These are adapted from the CDC K-12 guidance and CDC definition of a close contact. See the [K-12 Schools Guidance 2021-2022 Questions & Answers](#) for additional recommendations to focus on high-value contact tracing to protect students and staff.
 - a. When both parties were wearing a mask in any school setting in which students are supervised by school staff (including indoor or outdoor school settings and

school buses, including on buses operated by public and private school systems), students close contacts (more than 15 minutes over a 24-hour period within 0-6 feet) may undergo a modified quarantine as follows. They may continue to attend school for in-person instruction if they:

- i. Are asymptomatic;
 - ii. Continue to appropriately mask, as required;
 - iii. Undergo at least twice weekly testing during quarantine; and
 - iv. Continue to quarantine for all extracurricular activities at school, including sports, and activities within the community setting; OR
- b. Schools may follow the recommendations provided in the [Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting](#)

9. Quarantine duration recommendations for student close contacts who have NOT completed the [primary series](#) of COVID-19 vaccines NOR were previously infected with (laboratory confirmed) SARS-CoV-2 within the last 90 days in:

- Standard quarantine (i.e., students who were not wearing masks or for whom the infected individual was not wearing a mask during the exposure); OR
 - Modified quarantine (i.e., students as described in #8 above).
- a. Quarantine can end after day 5 if symptoms are not present and a diagnostic specimen collected on day 5 or later tests negative. If unable to test or choosing not to test, and symptoms are not present, quarantine can end after day 10; OR
- b. Schools may follow the recommendations provided in the [Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting](#)

10. Isolation recommendations

- a. Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, previous infection or lack of symptoms, follow the recommendations listed in Table 1 (Isolation) of the [CDPH Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine for the General Public](#).

Our COVID support partner, AM LLC, will be adapting to these new guidelines and adjusting timelines this week to be in alignment. AM LLC is a contracted partner with the district to provide services in contract tracing, testing and work with our staff, families and students to maintain compliance with the ever changing regulations. AM LLC does not set the guidance nor do they impose stricter guidance than what is mandated by the California Department of Public Health, CDPH and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, CDC.

AM LLC will continue to update it's COVID protocols as guidance will most assuredly continue to change. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our partner for specific information regarding your student or situation. (909) 660-8750 or covid_support@rimsd.k12.ca.us