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The goal of the Bellwood-Antis School District (BASD) is to keep healthy (non-positive or symptomatic students) in school while maintaining protocols that provide a safe environment for all. Therefore, the BASD Administration has reviewed the CDC recommendations as they relate to the quarantining of individuals in the school setting. As a result, we are making the following recommended changes to the BASD Health and Safety Plan:

**COVID Positive** – If a person tests positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, he/she is to isolate (stay home) for 5 days following symptom onset or positive test result. If no longer showing symptoms or symptoms are resolving, he/she may return to school while continuing to wear a mask for 5 additional days (day 6 through day 10). To return to school, students and employees must have a doctor's note as per school district attendance policy.

**Close Contact** – Exposure to someone with COVID-19 – an individual determined to be a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes), regardless of vaccination status, will be expected to mask for ten days following exposure and continue to closely monitor for symptoms. CDC recommends all close contacts be tested on day 5 if possible.

It should be noted that BASD will recognize a positive home test. If you receive a positive result with a home test, we recommend you verify this with your doctor. Most importantly, we encourage you not to send your child to school if he/she is exhibiting symptoms.

Any issues not clarified on this recommendation will be managed according to most recent CDC recommendations.

Thank you for your continued patience and understanding as we work together through these challenging times.