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The goal of the Bellwood-Antis School District (BASD) is to keep healthy students in school while maintaining protocols that provide a safe environment for others. Therefore, the BASD Administration has reviewed the CDC recommendations as they relate to the quarantining of individuals in the school setting. As a result, the BASD Health and Safety Plan is amended with the following updates:

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 **five days** following exposure and continue to closely monitor for symptoms for an additional five days.

Summary of other updates to and reminders about the Health and Safety Plan:

- Students are **no longer required to wear masks/face coverings on school buses** or other school district transportation.
- BASD will **no longer require temperature checks** at school by staff
- BASD will continue to recognize a positive home test. If you receive a positive result with a home test, we recommend you verify this with your doctor.
- Communicate with the school nurse about illness, symptoms, and testing.
- **DO 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.