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Dear Parent/Guardian,

Please be advised, the attached document will be the source the Hancock County Health Department (HCHD) will be using to advise families for school attendance regarding COVID. Note, it will still be necessary for the school to notify both you and the HCHD about positive cases and close contact. As you will read in the document, there is now a more student-centered option for students to return to school if contact traced. This is great news for our families!

We ask you to closely read the attached "Mask to Stay/Test to Play Option" document. We will be following this guidance until another change occurs.

"Mask to Stay" portion of the document for school instruction.

There are two options if your child is contact traced;

1. Child could quarantine at home for 10 days from date of exposure and attend classes online.
2. Child could continue to attend school in person after exposure but **must wear a mask at all times except when eating/drinking for 14 days following exposure if no testing is performed.**

If you and your child choose the second option, they will be required to wear a mask.

"Test to Play" portion of the document for extra-curriculars activities.

Please Note: The tests referenced above are SARS-CoV-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests. ~~The administration of the test shall be proctored/observed in the presence of a parent/guardian and a school administrator. This is the only acceptable method.~~ They should be proctored/observed by someone and cannot be an over the counter, at home test that was self-administered without a proctor. A health professional must witness (proctor) during the testing process. Results should be sent to an administrator at Arcadia Local Schools.

We will be requiring printed out documents of the above-mentioned test to be presented to the school to both return to athletics and continue after the 5-7th day.

Please make every effort to follow the contents of this document and the Mask to Stay/Test to Play Guidelines. This guidance gives us the potential to keep more students in school.

Sincerely,



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