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Things are more confusing this year and the playing field in regard to mask wearing and distancing, seems to be changing frequently. We ask for your continued help in adjusting to an ever-changing circumstance.

We are strongly recommending students stay home if:

- Confirmation of a positive student test
- The student or parent is waiting on a test result
- They are showing symptoms
- A positive test result of a household member
- Notification from the Health Department

We are not strongly recommending students stay home if:

• Based solely on a parent/ guardian statement of expected exposure

It will be the understanding of all staff that when/if a student is quarantined by the health department or choosing to follow the school's recommendation to remain home, that work will still be assigned to said student. This can be paper assignments; however, there will not be just a baggy of work to complete during this time. We would like instruction to continue and have a schedule as to when students can sign on to Gmeet during normal operating hours. Allowing them to participate as much as possible given their current situation will be the best possible way to keep students from falling behind while they are quarantined. Parents, it will be understood that students will complete assigned work while quarantined and attend Gmeet sessions as long as they are feeling well.

These dates will not be counted against students as they will be completing assignments and attending Gmeets. IF for whatever reason the student does not attend the class session or is not completing homework, these circumstances must be reported to the office so that appropriate attendance tracking can be done. We realize that this creates more work as a classroom teacher and we greatly appreciate the effort given during these trying circumstances.

If a parent or guardian is choosing to keep their student home without recommendation from the health department or school, these absences will be considered unexcused until proof of a test is provided to the school. Tests should be given within 3-5 days of expected exposure if vaccinated and 5 days if unvaccinated. When proof of a test has been provided, those absences will be considered excused. If the school has recommended quarantine, those absences will be considered excused; however, it is the responsibility of the parent and student to complete assignments. If assignments are not completed, the work will be considered incomplete.

Staff and students shall follow the flow-chart that is posted on the School's website and attached to this notification.

Staff are expected to stay home if:

- Showing symptoms
- Awaiting results of a test
- A positive result of a household member

Thank you, Dave Golden

