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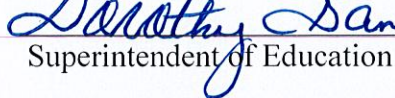
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## MEMORANDUM

**To:** All Employees

**From:**   
Superintendent of Education

**Date:** January 3, 2022

**RE:** COVID-19 UPDATES

The Choctaw County School District is committed to the wellbeing and safety of our students, staff, and families. Due to the recent rise of positive COVID-19 cases in Choctaw County, we will transition back to universal masking. Effective, January 4, 2022, Choctaw County Public Schools will require all employees, students, and visitors to wear masks, regardless of vaccination status, while indoors. Mrs. Carol Taylor, Lead Nurse, will continue to be the point of contact regarding COVID-19 issues/questions in the district. This will include notifying staff and students when it is appropriate to quarantine/self-isolate and to return from the same after having tested positive for COVID-19 or having been a close contact to a person who tested positive.

On the school level, the nurse at each school will notify the principal if a student or staff member has COVID symptoms or if they have revealed that they have received a positive diagnosis for COVID. The principal will in turn contact the Lead Nurse and relay the information. The principal is to also notify the Lead Nurse if he/she receives information from a student or parent that another student has tested positive.

Mrs. Taylor will notify the Superintendent of Education with her findings and also the Human Resource Director in the event that an employee is affected. The number of days missed from school or work will be determined by the exposure details.

Below is a list of guidelines that we will use regarding COVID-19 issues:

1. If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, they will be sent home immediately or told to stay home for the ten (10) full days of isolation (plus 24 hours of being symptom free of fever, improved cough, or any other COVID related symptoms) from the date of the positive testing. A doctor's note will be required, denoting when a student or staff member can return, if they have tested positive. In the interim, they are still required to stay out the minimum number of

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days (10) as required by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH). A physician's excuse will NOT allow a student or employee to return before the 10 days of isolation have expired.

2. A "close contact" to a person who has tested positive is required to stay home for fourteen (14) full days from the last day of contact with the person who tested positive. A physician's excuse will NOT allow a student or employee to return before the 14 days of quarantine have expired. Please remember that you cannot test yourself out of quarantine.
3. People who are fully vaccinated do NOT need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 5-7 days after their exposure, even if they don't have symptoms and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

Please make sure that the outlined steps and procedures are followed so that we can allow for continuity in receiving information and the handling of situations that arise on a day-to-day basis.

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