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Hi all,

I hope everyone is well. The Calumet School Board has voted to make a modification to our 2021-2022 COVID policy. We are shifting it to make it in accordance with the new "mask to stay" guidelines released by the Ohio Department of Health.

**We are now allowing students who have been exposed to someone with COVID to continue to attend school as long as they do not have any symptoms and they wear their mask both inside and outside while at school.**

**However, we are requesting children exposed to the virus by a member of their own household who is not quarantining from the rest of the family to still stay home.**

On 10/25, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) updated its Quarantine Guidelines for schools. Columbus Public Health (CPH) has also stated that they fully support implementation of this new option for schools in their jurisdiction. This change was made based on their findings that there is a low-risk of transmission in schools and based on a one-month experiment of this new model in all Warren County Schools. Columbus City Schools and many other schools in Franklin County have now adopted this new policy. Details on the mask to stay policy can be found below.

### **Mask to Stay**

Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask (both indoors and outdoors) for 14 days after the date of their last exposure.
- Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for symptoms of COVID-19.

-Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).

**Please note: Calumet will continue to require all students to wear masks indoors whether or not they have been exposed to the virus.** Also, we still recommend getting your child tested if they have been exposed to the virus, this change simply means that if they are symptom-free they can continue to come to school while awaiting results.

Also, while each family needs to make their own decisions about the health of their loved ones and those around them, we recommend looking into getting your children vaccinated. Vaccines for children ages 5-11 are now available through Nationwide Children's Hospital. You can find information and schedule an appointment here: <https://www.nationwidechildrens.org/family-resources-education/health-wellness-and-safety-resources/covid-19/vaccine>

Thank you,

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Principal

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