WOODHAVEN-BROWNSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Mark Greathead Superintendent

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Dear Woodhaven-Brownstown School District Community,

As a result of changes in isolation and quarantine guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Health Department (WCHD), effective January 12, 2022, the following procedures will be used as it relates to COVID-19 in schools:

- The universal mask mandate in all school settings continues to be in effect. This is unchanged.
- For students and staff that test COVID-positive, the updated minimum isolation time is for days 0-5 (day 0 being the day symptoms began or the day of testing if asymptomatic). Students and staff are eligible to attend school on day 6 if symptoms are improving or no symptoms developed.
 - o If a fever is present, must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Per the WCHD, contact tracing is no longer required as it relates to in-school COVID-positive cases.
 - o General notifications and updated dashboards will continue to be issued for in-school COVID-positive cases.
 - o All students and staff currently quarantined as a result of being a close contact in school, and are symptom free, are eligible for immediate return.
- There are no changes for close contacts that occur outside of the school setting. If a student or staff member is a close contact to a COVID-positive case in the home (or otherwise outside of school), current CDC expectations of up to 10 days of quarantine will be followed.

These changes are meant to keep students in school where they learn best. They are only possible because of our multi-layered mitigation strategies:

- Universal masking for all within the school setting will continue to be strictly enforced.
- Students and staff that are not feeling well should stay home from school. Our teachers and building principals will do all they can to make sure that nobody falls behind.
- Social distancing to the extent possible will need to continue to be practiced.

- Frequent handwashing and good hygiene practices must continue.
- Per the MDHHS, it is recommended that all students, teachers, and staff age 5 and up get vaccinated, and that students, teachers, and staff age 12 and up receive their booster as soon as they're eligible.

We've all been impacted by this pandemic and the changes we've had to implement in an effort to maintain a safe and healthy learning environment. Now is not the time to become complacent. We need to all continue to do our part for the safety and health of our students and staff.

Sincerely,

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