



October 1, 2021

Good evening, this is Steven Chrisman, Superintendent of the Medina County Career Center, with a very important announcement.

On October 1<sup>st</sup>, the Medina County Health Department announced a change to the current quarantine protocols for school districts in the county. If a student is exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 school setting and placed in quarantine by the Medina County Health Department, the school may now allow the student to remain in classroom settings, while masked (and symptom-free), upon request of the parent. For this purpose, and under these specific conditions, the Health Department has adjusted the quarantine order so that schools can remain in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 3707.16

A copy of the revised quarantine order is attached on page two of this document.

This new conditional allowance will no doubt decrease the number of students required to quarantine under previous unmasked protocols. So what does that do to the Career Center's current mandatory masking requirement? On **Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>**, we will be switching to a "**masking optional**" campus. The only time a student will be required to wear a mask is if they choose to return to school while under a quarantine order due to exposure in a K-12 setting.

A mandated quarantine from the Health Department due to exposure outside of the school setting will still be enforced without the masking option.

Please note, there are no changes with the exclusion from sports or extracurricular activities where a mask is unable to be worn. Those students remain excluded from these activities during the period of quarantine. Students are encouraged to speak to their associate schools regarding those exclusions.

For those students who are currently quarantined due to a K-12 school exposure, they may return to school on Monday, October 4<sup>th</sup>, but must be wearing a mask for the duration of their allotted time. For those families who choose not to wear a mask after exposure, the student will be required to complete their quarantine at home and can return on the date given when notified as a close contact.

This change is based on 'best available information and is subject to change should other variables change.

We thank the Medina County Health Department and the other county school districts for their continued support and cooperation as a county to help keep healthy students in school.

We also want to thank you for your patience, understanding, and support. We will get through this together!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Chrisman".

Steven Chrisman  
Superintendent



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**NOTICE OF QUARANTINE**

To: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

The Health Commissioner (“the Commissioner”) has reason to believe that you have come in contact with a person who has COVID-19 and you may have or may develop this disease. If you were to have this disease you would pose a substantial threat to the health of the public. To prevent transmission of this contagious disease, you should quarantine yourself. The location where you are to be quarantined is your home/place of residence. The Commissioner considers this the least restrictive clinically appropriate place of quarantine given the nature of the disease.

If this exposure occurred in a K-12 classroom setting, you may continue to attend school at the discretion of the school district **IF** wearing a mask for 14 days and you remain symptom free.

Your last date of close contact has been reported as \_\_\_\_\_. The first day of quarantine starts the next day. A quarantine period of at least 7 days with testing is required and up to 14 days is optimal. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health have released the following recommendations and options for the duration of quarantine:

- **A 14-day quarantine period is recommended especially for people who live, work in or visit:**
  - Congregate living facilities such as nursing homes
  - High density workplaces
  - Other settings where potential extensive transmission, such as healthcare, schools, etc. or contact with people at increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible
- **A 10-day option: Quarantine may end after 10 days from the last date of exposure if the person has no COVID-19 like symptoms.**
- **7-day option: Quarantine may end after 7 days from the last date of exposure if the person has a negative COVID-19 viral test result.** The test must be taken at least 5 days after the last date of exposure to end quarantine.

Regardless of the length of the quarantine period you should wear a mask and monitor for symptoms for 14 days. Testing during the quarantine period is recommended, if available. If you should develop symptoms during the 14 days you are considered to have a probable case of COVID-19. You should follow up with a healthcare provider and isolate at home.

Any questions regarding quarantine requirements may be directed to (330) 723-9688 option 2 on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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 Health Commissioner or Designee

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