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Dear Wilmington K-12 Parents/Guardians,

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On 8/11/22, the Centers for Disease Prevention and Control (CDC) updated their COVID-19 guidance. As a result, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) **no longer recommends the “Mask to Stay, Test to Play” quarantine alternative for schools.** This means that there is NO quarantine, *for those either vaccinated or unvaccinated*, after an exposure to a known positive case.

Should your child test positive for COVID-19, please follow the most current CDC/ODH isolation procedures by:

- **Staying home (Isolate) from school for at least 5 days and longer if necessary, until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving.**
- **Additionally, after isolation ends, students should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for 5 days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart).**

We have moved to a different stage of the COVID-19 pandemic. We now have stronger immune resistance from a combination of vaccines and prior illness. Treatments are now widely available to reduce the risk of severe illness and hospitalizations of those most vulnerable.

On behalf of the Clinton County Board of Health and the entire Clinton County Health District team, I wish you a healthy and rewarding school year!

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