

# Modified Quarantine Procedures

## USD 466 – Scott County School District

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Due to concern for a rise in positive cases of COVID cases amongst students and staff, the Modified Quarantine procedures outlined on pages 2-4 have been adopted by U.S.D. 466 – Scott County School District. In collaboration with the Scott County Health Department, the Board of Education developed the plans below to limit the spread of the virus and keep students in school and activities.

Keeping positive cases low will protect our students and staff and prevent strain on local health professionals attempting to manage community health issues. The school district asks all families to help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:

1. Keeping your student home if they experience any of the symptoms of COVID-19 listed below.
2. Only returning your student to school after 24 hours fever free without fever-reducing medication.
3. Not using medication to cover symptoms only to allow your student to come to school or participate in activities.
4. Advising your physician or seeking medical care, if necessary.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS include:

- Fever (100.4 or higher), chills
- Cough (not due to other known cause such as chronic cough)
- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Muscle aches or body aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Headache, when in combination with other symptoms
- Fatigue, when in combination with other symptoms
- Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes), when in combination with other symptoms

# Phase 1:

The district will be in Phase 1 when the number of positive COVID cases in school is low. Phase 1 consists of the following:

## **Quarantines**

- All positive cases will quarantine.
- All close contacts of a household member or other outside exposure will follow the health department's directives or recommendations as to quarantine and school attendance.
- Determination of a close contact and the duration of the quarantine will be directed by the Scott County Health Department.

## **School Close contacts**

- Students who have a close contact from school exposure:
  - Will remain in school. Parents may choose to have their student wear a mask.
  - Will receive parent notification of the close contact. Notifications will include recommendations from the Scott County Health Department.
  - Should be monitored for symptoms by their parent or guardian.

## **Masks**

- Wearing masks is optional for all students and staff.

## **Cleaning**

- Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Extra disinfecting procedures will be implemented in targeted locations where infected students or staff accessed.

## **Hygiene**

- Hand sanitizer and hand soap will be encouraged frequently throughout the day.
- Proper hygiene practices will be encouraged to students.

## **Screening**

- Parents should monitor their student's health at home.
- School staff will monitor student health throughout the day.

## **Vaccinations**

- Information on locations and times will be communicated by the school district.

## **Coordination with Health Officials**

- Frequent check-in meetings will be held with school and health officials to monitor cases and determine the details of the school's plan.

## **Phase 2:**

The district will be in Phase 2 when the number of positive COVID cases in school is high. Phase 2 consists of the following:

### **Quarantines**

- All positive cases will quarantine.
- All close contacts of a household member or other outside exposure will follow the health department's directives or recommendations as to quarantine and school attendance.
- Determination of a close contact and the duration of the quarantine will be directed by the Scott County Health Department.

### **School Close contacts**

- Parents will be notified of the close contact. Notifications will include recommendations from the Scott County Health Department.
- Students considered Close Contacts to positive cases will have the following options:
  1. If vaccinated, stay in school with proof of vaccination.
    - Continue in-person and with activities.
  2. If previously infected, stay in school with supporting documentation of a positive PCR or antigen test within the past six months.
    - Continue in-person and with activities.
  3. If neither vaccinated nor previously infected, continue with Modified Quarantine and stay in school while wearing a mask.
    - Continue in-person and with activities.

Or...

- Students who do not wish to wear a mask may Quarantine at home.
  - No school attendance.
    - Homework sent home to maintain school work.
  - No school activities.

### **Masks**

- Optional for all students and staff NOT in Modified Quarantine (described above).

### **Cleaning**

- Facilities will be cleaned and disinfected daily.
- Extra disinfecting procedures will be implemented in targeted locations where infected students or staff accessed.

### **Hygiene**

- Hand sanitizer and hand soap will be encouraged frequently throughout the day.
- Proper hygiene practices will be encouraged to students.

## **Screening**

- Parents should monitor their student's health at home.
- School staff will monitor student health throughout the day.

## **Vaccinations**

- Information on locations and times will be communicated by the school district.

## **Coordination with Health Officials**

- Frequent check-in meetings will be held with school and health officials to monitor cases and determine the details of the school's plan.