



Decatur County Community Schools

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Earlier this week Governor Holcomb, in conjunction with the Indiana Department of Health (IDOH), significantly changed its guidance on how schools should handle Covid contact tracing and quarantining. The IDOH states, "While universal case investigation and contact tracing during the initial phase of the pandemic was justified as the phases of the pandemic evolve, public health experts agree this degree of response is no longer optimal." IDOH no longer recommends contact tracing and quarantining in schools. Therefore, **Decatur County Community Schools is adopting the IDHO's recommendations, and is no longer contact tracing and quarantining close contact starting immediately.**

Two items to remember:

1. If a student tests positive for Covid, they will stay home for 5 days, and return to school on day 6 if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and continue to mask day 6-10 in classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times, must remain isolated at home for full 10 days).
 - Symptoms must be resolving/improving, and student must be fever-free for 24 hours without medication.
 - May resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 if able to wear a mask properly at all times for days 6-10
2. Masks are still required on buses due to this being a federal requirement.

Thank you for your patience, understanding, and support over these last two years,

Jarrold Burns
Superintendent