



Nell Holcomb R-IV School District

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At the October 14, 2021 School Board Meeting, the Nell Holcomb Board looked at data, listened to parent feedback, and participated in a great deal of discussion with Nell Holcomb Staff Members and parents. At this meeting it was the unanimous consensus of the Nell Holcomb School Board to revise the district Covid policy to end the quarantining of students deemed “close contacts”.

Beginning Monday, October 18, 2021 the Nell Holcomb Covid Policy will include the following:

1. Students who test positive for Covid-19 will continue to quarantine at home per instructions from Nurse Graham or your physician.
2. **Nell Holcomb R-IV will no longer quarantine “close contact” students at breakfast, lunch, or recess. All students will return to a normal schedule.**
3. Parents of a student in a classroom with a positive Covid case will be notified by an automated message from the School Messenger system letting them know their child was a close contact.
4. We ask that all parents, especially parents of a “close contact”, monitor their child for any Covid or flu-like symptoms. If your child is sick or experiencing symptoms, please keep them home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.
5. Masks will be optional and the choice of the parents on district school buses and at school.
6. Parents of a student in a classroom with a positive Covid case will have the option to place their child on distance learning for 7 school days after notification. Parents will need to contact Mr. Wortmann if interested in this option.

Students who are quarantined at home by the Cape County Health Department due to a positive case in the home will continue to follow the Cape County Health Department guidelines. Nell Holcomb administration and Nurse Graham will continue to handle all contact tracing for Nell Holcomb students and staff at school.

Again, these decisions were made after a great deal of discussion and after careful consideration and looking at district related data. The school board and administration will continue to work with Nurse Graham and monitor the situation at Nell Holcomb. We ask for your support as we move towards getting back to normal for our students.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Deckerd at 573-334-3644.

Thank you for your continued support!

Mr. Bleau Deckerd: Superintendent
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