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As we enter into a brand new school year, it is important for students, parents and staff to know that Ada City Schools will make every effort to limit the spread of COVID-19. Our goal is to keep our doors open and provide the very best educational opportunities in the safest and most secure environment possible.

New legislation and updated Oklahoma State Department of Health protocols will alter our approach from last school year in some areas.

A summary of the District's current COVID-19 related protocols can be found below. The entire *Return To Learn Plan 2.0* can be found on our website at www.adacougars.net:

- In accordance with Oklahoma state law, face coverings will not be required in school facilities, buildings, or buses for students or staff; however, we encourage everyone to wear a mask to protect themselves and others
- The District will notify parents if their child has been exposed at school and provide symptom guidance and quarantine options
 - Contact Tracing will continue and “Close Contacts” will be recommended to quarantine for 10 days (instead of the 14 day recommendation last year)
 - Students who are quarantined will enter Distance Learning for the length of the quarantine period.
 - Per the OSDH, fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine if exposed. However, anyone with symptoms needs to isolate until they can test or receive an alternative diagnosis
- Anyone with a positive COVID-19 test will be required to isolate regardless of vaccination status
 - Any student who tests positive OR has symptoms and exposed to a positive COVID case may return to school after:
 - No fever for three days AND
 - Respiratory symptoms have improved AND
 - 10 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared
 - Any student who tested positive for COVID-19 but had no symptoms can return to school after:
 - 10 days have passed since the test.
 - Students who have a confirmed positive case of COVID-19 will enter Distance Learning for the length of the isolation period.



The District will continue to prioritize the following:

- The proper use of masks if the governor issues an Emergency Order related to COVID-19
- Where possible, we will continue to observe social distancing
- Daily Cleaning Protocols
- Indoor Air Quality
 - Federal Funding sources will be used to upgrade our HVAC units across the District
- Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette
- Continue to work with community partners and health agencies to provide opportunities for COVID-19 vaccinations and testing
- It is more important than ever that you do not send your child to school if they are feeling unwell until you know the cause of their illness. District students and staff are expected to self-screen for temperatures of 100.4 or more and/or other COVID-19 symptoms prior to reporting to school or work
 - District students and staff should not report to work or school if:
 - They are sick
 - They have a fever or other COVID-like symptoms
 - They are awaiting COVID-19 test results
 - They have received a positive COVID-19 test result

We must ALL join together as we work to keep everyone healthy and to stay in an in-person learning environment. Make good choices -- Use masks, quarantine and isolate when it's appropriate and continue to practice good hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.