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Summary: KRSD Will Align Quarantine and Isolation Guidance to DHHS Guidelines on 1/24/22

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Dear Kearsarge Community,

The Kearsarge Reopening Plan 2.0 stipulates Kearsarge Regional School District will align with New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) guidance relating to COVID-19. Accordingly, Kearsarge will transition to the [newly updated NH DHHS guidance regarding quarantine and isolation of students](#) affected by COVID-19, **effective Monday, January 24, 2022.**

For those students who qualify, both the isolation period (for those testing positive) and the quarantine period (for unvaccinated and/or not fully vaccinated close household contacts) may be shortened from ten (10) days to five (5) days for ending isolation or quarantine if specific conditions are met. Families will need to review the specific conditions and timelines necessary to reduce the quarantine or isolation period with their student's school nurse to determine their eligibility.

With this change comes the need for heightened diligence with mitigation measures to curb the spread of COVID-19. It is critical for everyone to follow the criteria for discontinuing isolation or quarantine. The level of community transmission outside of the school setting is substantial and continuing to rise. As such, ongoing commitment to following mitigation and preventative measures is essential.

If COVID-19 has already affected your family, and you have worked with the school nurses to determine the timeframes and conditions for your student's safe return to school, please contact your student's school nurse to discuss how the new guidance may influence your planning.

Respectfully,

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