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**Summary:**

- **District will remain with pre- January 5 CDC Isolation / Quarantine procedures in January**
- **Booster shots needed to remain "Up to Date" by CDC and DHHS definitions**

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Dear Kearsarge Community,

The Kearsarge Regional School District will be maintaining the New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) quarantine and isolation guidelines used in the first half of the school year until January 20, 2022. You may find a link to the quarantine / isolation guidance currently in use here:  
[https://www.kearsarge.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf731/f/uploads/nurses\\_protocols.pdf](https://www.kearsarge.org/sites/g/files/vyhlf731/f/uploads/nurses_protocols.pdf).

The most recent guidance provided to New Hampshire Schools by DHHS shortened the window of time required for COVID-19 positive individuals to safely quarantine and isolate. However, this guidance also emphasized the significant and specific requirements COVID-19 positive students or staff must strictly adhere to within the public school setting. These requirements included the absence or substantial reduction of symptoms for a period of 24 hours, and the continued wearing of "tight fitting" masks at all times when the COVID positive individual not in isolation, for a period of ten days after the individual is fever free and asymptomatic. The CDC also recommended the use of a PCR test at the end of the isolation period.

The Critical Decision Unit (CDU) of the District will review the current procedures. As an outcome of that review, the CDU will then make recommendations to the Superintendent and Board as to whether the District will continue with current procedures, or shift the procedures to align with the new DHHS guidance

Finally, please know that the CDC and DHHS are now informing individuals that vaccinations must be "boosted" to remain "up to date." Failing to remain in that category changes the times required for quarantine and isolation. The window of time in which the vaccines remain effective are not the same, and vary substantially by vaccination type from 2 months to 6 months. For more information on your potential need for booster shots, visit the following CDC page regarding the issue:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/stay-up-to-date.html>

Respectfully,

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