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Dear Miami-Dade County Public Schools Parent/Guardian

During the COVID-19 health pandemic, Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) has not wavered in its commitment to prioritizing the health and well-being of its students and employees. M-DCPS has continuously worked with the Florida Department of Health, local health officials and experts in the development of protocols related to the health and safety of our employees and students.

As such, the Ad hoc Health and Medical Experts Taskforce was consulted regarding the District’s consideration of shortening the quarantine period and exempting fully vaccinated, asymptomatic individuals from quarantines. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) makes both options available for implementation.

Based on medical guidance received, we are pleased to inform you that effective Monday, April 26, 2021, the District’s COVID-19 quarantine protocols for individuals identified as “close contacts” will be updated as follows:

Updated Quarantine Protocols	
10-day Quarantine Guidelines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individuals may end quarantine after 10 days without testing.</li> <li>Quarantined individuals must continue to monitor their symptoms until 14 days after exposure.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>If an individual develops symptoms, they must immediately self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider.</li> </ul> </li> <li>During the 10-day quarantine, individuals should continue wearing a mask, maintain 6 feet from others, wash their hands and avoid crowds.</li> </ul>
Fully Vaccinated Individuals Quarantine Guidelines	<p>Fully vaccinated students and employees will not need to quarantine providing they meet <b>ALL</b> of the following CDC criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fully vaccinated: 2 weeks after the second dose in a 2-dose series, or 2 weeks after a single dose of a single dose vaccine.</li> <li>Must remain asymptomatic since the <i>current COVID-19 exposure</i>.</li> <li>Individuals must not be a resident in a group home.</li> </ul> <p>*If a fully vaccinated individual does not meet <b>ALL</b> of the above criteria, it is recommended they continue to follow the quarantine guidance of 10 days if exposed to a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19.</p>

COVID-19 information is continuously evolving, and M-DCPS will ensure that parents and our community remain well informed through publications, regular social media posts, school-to-home communications, and our website at [reopening.dadeschools.net](http://reopening.dadeschools.net).

The District will continue to collaborate with the FDOH and our local health experts regarding any future adjustments to COVID-19 protocols. As all of us continue to navigate these uncharted waters, M-DCPS will be at your side, providing you with the most current information and resources available to ensure your child is safe and supported. When it comes to making sure all children continue to learn, grow, and develop during this uncertain time, we’re all in this together.

Sincerely,

*Angela Holbrook*, Arvida Middle School Principal