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To Waukesha County schools and educational partners,

As you know, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) have updated quarantine guidance to allow some asymptomatic people to shorten their quarantine period.

Waukesha County supports this guidance and is also updating our recommendations to reflect these changes effective Wednesday, December 9, 2020. You may choose whether to retroactively apply the new guidance to quarantines in progress, or whether to apply it to new exposures only.

The County is working with staff and stakeholders to effectively train and implement the new recommendations. Training and updates to all current procedures and documents is underway, but please understand this process will take some time. A handout is attached for you to share with staff, parents, and students, to help them understand the new guidance.

Be aware that the new CDC guidelines will likely provide both benefits and drawbacks to your operations. While staff, students, and families may benefit from more flexibility and compliance rates related to the new guidelines, it will likely be more challenging and complex for your staff to track quarantine dates that may range from seven to fourteen days from exposure. Waukesha County Public Health recognizes the impact this could have on school staff, and we continue to be here to support you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BJ", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

BENJAMEN JONES, MPH
Waukesha County Health Officer