Plainville Community Schools COVID-19 Decision Tree (Last updated 09-07-23)   **Link to CDC Guidelines on Isolation and Precautions for People with COVID-19.**

If an individual tests positive or has <u>ANY</u> symptom(s) of COVID-19, please follow COVID-19 Decision Tree below.	**COVID-19 Symptoms:** COVID-19 Symptoms: Chills/Fever of 100 or more, cough, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, headache, muscle/body pain or aches, sore throat, fatigue, congestion, runny nose, vomiting, diarrhea.

Vaccinated or Unvaccinated: **If individual has any COVID-19 symptom(s):**	Individual tests negative with molecular, PCR, antigen or home test or does not test:	Return to school after no fever for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication and other symptoms of illness are mild ((e.g., occasional cough, congestion, runny nose, sore throat, no vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours, etc.). Anyone with illness is strongly encouraged to wear a well-fitting mask while they have symptoms and test for COVID-19 as soon as symptoms appear. If the individual was tested with a COVID-19 antigen test, the CDC and <u>FDA recommend</u> repeating antigen testing in 48 hours.
	Individual tests positive with molecular, PCR, antigen or home test:	Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor symptoms, notify the school immediately, and notify personal close contacts. Stay in self-isolation for at least 5 days since the onset of symptoms and until at least 24 hours have passed with no diarrhea, vomiting or fever (without fever-reducing medications) and with improvement in other COVID-19 symptoms. Wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., through day 10). Or, with two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, may remove mask sooner than day 10. If symptoms are not improving, contact the school nurse.
	Individual is not tested OR tests negative and lives with someone who has tested positive in the last 14 days:	Remain home until symptoms have resolved. Contact the School Nurse (students) or Director of Human Resources (staff) for further guidance.

Vaccinated or Unvaccinated: **If individual has no symptoms but tests positive:**		Remain home (except to get medical care), monitor for symptoms, notify the school immediately, and notify personal close contacts. Stay in self-isolation for at least 5 days from test date. Wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., through day 10). Or, with two sequential negative tests 48 hours apart, may remove mask sooner than day 10.

<u>Close Contacts:</u> Anyone exposed to COVID-19 is strongly encouraged to wear a mask around others for 10 days and test for COVID-19 five days after exposure. If using an antigen test, the CDC and FDA recommend repeating the test in 48 hours. Quarantine is not necessary. If symptoms develop, isolate at home and get tested. Contact School Nurse for guidance (students) and the Director of Human Resources (staff).

<u>COVID-19 Positive Case Reporting:</u>
School members should continue to report all positive cases of COVID-19 on our district website via the <u>COVID-19 reporting form.</u>