

Dearborn Heights School District No. 7

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Dear Dearborn Heights D7 Community:

As a result of the new COVID-19 isolation and quarantine guidance from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and the Wayne County Health Department (WCHD), we will be adjusting our practices to align. Effective January 14, 2022, the following procedure will be used:

Isolation:

- Will only apply to those individuals that are COVID-19 positive or are experiencing symptoms.

Quarantine:

- In School Setting:
 - o No close contacts will be identified.
 - o Positive COVID-19 cases or those individuals showing symptoms will be required to isolate.
- Out of School Setting:
 - o Close contacts and/or positive Covid-19 cases that are identified to school officials will be required to follow the isolation and quarantine guidance from the CDC. That info can be found [here](#).

Communication:

- **The district wide notifications of positive cases are no longer required and will no longer be issued.**
- The COVID-19 data dashboard will continue to be available and can be found [here](#).

Testing:

- There will be no testing requirement for staff or students to return from isolation or quarantine. However, the use of an approved COVID-19 test will be recommended aligning with the CDC guidance.
- At-home tests will not be used to make any official school decisions in the Dearborn Heights School District #7. Instead, the use of the At-Home COVID-19 tests are a good tool to help families make informed decisions when a family member experiences symptoms.

We continue to encourage our community to get vaccinated, use a mask, social distance as much as possible, properly wash/sanitize hands often and disinfect where appropriate. D7 will continue to follow our cleaning, disinfecting, universal masking, and social distancing practices.

The Dearborn Heights School District #7 have followed the guidance of the health officials since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, and with the cooperation of our staff, students, and D7 community, we have been able to offer a safe in person learning environment. While we understand the changes in guidance can be confusing, we are committed to following our health department guidance and continuing our commitment to the safety of our staff and students. Thank you all in advance for being a part of the D7 difference.

Sincerely,

Ty Weeks

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Superintendent of Schools