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Hello RSD Families,

The Oregon Department of Education announced on Nov. 23 that it will eliminate the requirement that unvaccinated children quarantine for 10 days after a close contact with COVID-19 in school, as long as the child tests negative for the virus through a “test-to-stay” program.

The Redmond School District will immediately implement this program in an effort to keep as many of our students in school as frequently as possible.

With parent/guardian permission, students will be tested immediately after it’s determined they were a close contact with someone in school, and then again five to seven days later. The tests will be free. If identified as a close contact, a school nurse will contact parents/guardians to fill out a consent form for permission to test a student. Students 15 and over can provide their own consent. **If families do not allow testing, students will have to quarantine for 10 days as before.**

Students who are fully vaccinated (two weeks after their second shot) do not have to quarantine, and do not need to participate in the test-to-stay program.

We are eager to have our students at school every day. This new ODE rule allows us to prevent unnecessary absences. We hope to see a dramatic reduction in the number of students who are quarantining and missing class.

Thank you.