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Dear Parents,

We continue to see positive COVID-19 cases with students and staff at KISD. Therefore, we are updating quarantine requirements for students, increasing them from 5 days to 10 days for positive COVID-19 cases and symptomatic close contacts. The Texas Education Agency is requiring that districts have students quarantine for 10 days after testing positive and experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, rather than the 5 days that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending. The TEA will allow staff members to return to work after 5 days, but has not shifted the requirement for students. Everything else will remain the same.

If you have already received a return to school date from KISD staff, please increase it by 5 days to comply with the 10 day quarantine requirement. If you have any questions, please contact your school nurse.

In addition, the University Interscholastic League has now altered return to play requirements for students participating in UIL competition. The UIL strongly recommends a student who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 receive clearance from a physician, or physician-approved delegate, prior to returning to participation in UIL marching band or athletics activities in accordance with the most current resources available from the [American Academy of Pediatrics \(AAP\)](#) and/or the [American College of Cardiology \(ACC\)](#). More information will be forthcoming from campus UIL sponsors as needed.

I know that this has been very difficult for parents and family members of students who are sick. Unfortunately, the requirements around COVID-19 change often, and there is much left to interpretation. We are working together at KISD to keep the health and safety of our students and staff a priority.

1. We recommend folks who are eligible to get vaccinated/boosted.
2. We recommend folks wear a mask around crowds and in small spaces.
3. We recommend folks be aware of their symptoms and test when symptomatic.
4. We recommend folks stay home when quarantined.

Please do your part to keep our students, staff, and community #KenedySafe and #KenedyStrong.

Respectfully yours,



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