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Goddard Public Schools Staff and Families.

Please read the following information that will become effective in Goddard USD 265 on Thursday, January 20th.

Per the Kansas Department of Education and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, when testing positive for COVID 19 students and school staff have two options:

- 1) Stay at home for 10 days.
- 2) Stay home for at least **5 days** and be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before leaving home (minimum 5-day home isolation). After that, resume normal activities and **wear a well-fitting mask** around others, indoors and outdoors, for an additional 5 days. During these 10 days, students will not be able to participate in activities or athletics where a well-fitting mask can not be maintained.

What this means for USD 265 staff and students:

- *If testing positive for COVID 19, select the protocol choice that best fits your needs.* If currently isolating as the result of a positive COVID 19 test, effective Thursday, January 20, you may return if five days have passed and you meet the criteria listed above.

If your child has any of the following symptoms, please stay home and contact your health care provider for further instructions:

- A fever of 100 F or greater
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Chills
- Repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle pain
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New loss of taste or smell

The USD 265 testing center will continue to be made available to students who have been a close contact and would like to be tested. If you would like information on testing at the district testing clinic please contact your school nurse.

Thanks for your continued support.

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