

December 4, 2020

Hudson Parents,

Many of you may be aware of some new CDC guidance regarding the required quarantine period after a person has had close contact with a COVID-19 infected individual. The Texas Education Agency has released guidance to schools to begin implementing the new options.

These options are going into effect **immediately**. Some that are currently on quarantine due to close contact may adjust their 'return to school' date based on the following. If you have any questions regarding the return date, you may contact your campus administration.

As of December 2, 2020, the CDC amended their guidance to allow two shorter options for the stay-at-home period. Based on current CDC guidance, the stay-at-home period can end for individuals experiencing no symptoms:

- On Day 10 after close contact exposure without testing,
- On Day 7 after close contact exposure and after receiving a negative result result (provided the negative test result is at least on or after the 5th day of quarantine).

If individuals return to school from these shorter stay-at-home windows, they should regularly monitor themselves for symptoms to ensure they remain symptom-free and take appropriate precautions (e.g., more consistent mask usage) for the duration of the 14-day incubation period.

Thanks and have a blessed weekend.

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