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Re: Clarification regarding quarantine exemptions related to the mask mandate.

Dear Parents, Staff, and Students:

Subsequent to my [November 18<sup>th</sup> letter](#), the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) released a revised [“Frequently Asked Questions” document](#) which provides some additional guidelines for quarantines under its [modified Missouri School Reopening & Operating Guidance](#). The purpose of this letter to you is to let you know how and when the new mask mandate will impact quarantined staff and students.

11/25/20--12/31/20: Quarantine procedures remain the same. If your student is deemed to be a close contact, they will need to quarantine at home.

1/1/21: The new DESE and Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services modified guidance on mask use and quarantine in K-12 schools will be implemented in the Moberly School District. On November 19<sup>th</sup> DESE and MDHSS clarified expectations for those who participate in extra curriculums and are identified as close contacts in item #21 of its FAQ document mentioned above:

*This modified guidance does not authorize a close contact to participate in school associated sports, extracurricular activities or any other activities outside of the school setting. Other than attending school, these close contacts should continue to quarantine.*

In other words, per these guidelines, persons (students and staff) who are identified as close contacts while properly wearing a mask at school are only exempted from quarantine for the sole purpose of coming to school. They are still considered to be under quarantine for any activity outside of school including co- or extra-curricular district events.

Our district has updated its [Return to School Guidance](#) for Spring 2021, and it is now available on the district homepage. Specifics regarding the mask mandate are outlined in this document.

Sincerely

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Superintendent