



Good Morning RAMily!

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A few points of clarification regarding the recent implementation of flexibility regarding quarantines due to in-school contacts, as provided by the State Department of Health (DPH). *This guidance was received by all Superintendents in the State, from Dr. Kathleen Toomey, the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Health.*

1. Worth County Schools are still requiring all students and staff who are identified as a positive case of Covid-19 to isolate/quarantine at home per DPH guidelines. At no time has the Worth County School District stopped quarantining positive cases.
2. Any Worth County School student or staff who are identified as a direct contact AWAY from school are still required to quarantine at home per DPH guidelines. *The flexibility above is only granted in the cases of in-school contact per the State DPH...we are simply following the guidance from the State DPH.*
3. Only Worth County students & staff who are identified as becoming contacts in the school setting (school, bus, etc.) meet the State DPH criteria to remain in school if they are asymptomatic and choose to wear a mask throughout the quarantine period. If a student is an in-school contact, parents may choose to allow their child to remain in school or to quarantine at home. *The Worth County School District cherishes the responsibility of providing a first-class education to every child. Therefore, Worth County Schools will strive to continue to provide families the option to keep their children in school as much as reasonably feasible.*

We hope this helps. If you have further questions, please reach out to your school's administration and they will be happy to assist you.