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Dear FJUHSD Families,

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) updated its <u>COVID-19 Public Health Guidance for K-12 Schools in California, 2021-22 School Year</u> and added new guidance for <u>Group-Tracing Approach to Students Exposed to COVID-19 in a K-12 setting</u> which include **newly revised quarantine recommendations and contact tracing.** According to CDPH, the new guidance allows for a "quicker and broader response to cases identified in school settings, accomplished through prompt notification, testing, and isolation protocols."

This new guidance began, Tuesday, January 18, 2022, and it will apply to all students who are in close contact with a person who is COVID-19 positive.

What does this mean for you and your student?

If your student is in a classroom or space on school campus with a person who tests positive for COVID-19, you will receive a letter from your school informing you that your student may have been exposed to COVID-19. **This letter will be sent to all students, regardless of vaccination status or previous infection.** The letter will share the following next steps which will apply for **all students**:

- Your student <u>may remain in school</u> unless they develop symptoms or test positive for COVID-19.
- According to the California Department of Public Health, it is recommended that your student is tested for COVID-19 within 3-5 days or sooner if your child starts to show symptoms. CDPH does not require that your child is tested.
- If your student develops <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u> or tests positive for COVID-19, please ensure they <u>isolate</u> at home immediately and notify your school.
- Your student <u>must continue to wear a mask indoors</u> in the school and community per school, local, and state requirements.

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To help you with these new guidelines, click **here** to view a one page overview of the new guidance.

Per CDPH and OCHCA, please remember that we will continue to follow our health and safety guidelines such as students masking indoors, washing hands frequently, and staying home when they are sick or have symptoms.

Sincerely,

Steve McLaughlin, Ed.D.

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