

## Warren County Health District's (WCHD) Protocol:

- WCHD will work directly with our District's nurses and leadership to conduct contact tracing to determine exposure and determine the need to isolate and quarantine.
- The definition of **Exposure is**: being within six feet of a person who tested **positive**, whether wearing a mask or not, for a duration of 15 minutes or more. An individual who is a contact of a contact of someone who has tested positive is not considered exposed. \*Note - The CDC appears to have changed this to 10 minutes.
- The definition of **Isolation is**: a person who tested positive; must be totally isolated for 10 days, can return to school/work on the 11th day if symptom free. Upon reentry the person who has been isolated shall complete a brief Q&A, exam with a school nurse.
- The definition of **Quarantine is**: a person who was exposed, has not tested positive; must stay in quarantine for 14 days to monitor symptoms. Upon reentry the person who has been quarantined shall complete a brief Q&A, exam with a school nurse.
- If a child or staff member tests positive.....That child or staff member goes into isolation. The **ONLY** people placed in quarantine are those identified as having been within six feet for at least 15 minutes or more. The whole class or cohort is **NOT** placed in quarantine.
- A **cohort** is a group of individuals participating in an activity such as athletics, band, school transportation, or school function.
- For COVID like symptoms, not considered exposure and not requested to quarantine, an individual should be fever free without fever-reducer medicine for 72 hours.

WCHD has **THREE** official letters they will coordinate with our District's school nurses and leadership:

1. Letter from Department of Health to those who **were Exposed and must be Quarantined**;
2. Letter from the District to students and staff in that class or cohort unit who were **NOT Exposed** and will **NOT be Quarantined**;
3. General notice of **awareness** to the entire school or cohort about a **positive test** in the **school or cohort**.