

## SHORTENED QUARANTINE PERIOD: **CLOSE CONTACT**

CDC continues to recommend quarantine for 14 days after last exposure. However, there are options to reduce the duration of quarantine in either of the following two scenarios from DHEC.

### 10 DAY

10 days of quarantine have been completed and no symptoms have been reported during daily at home monitoring.

- Complete 10 day quarantine period at home. Return to school on day 11.
- No negative test required to return
- No symptoms reported
- Must wear a mask at school on day 11-14 after return from quarantine.

### 7 DAY

7 days of quarantine have been completed, no symptoms have been reported during daily at home monitoring, and the individual has received results of a negative antigen or PCR/molecular test that was taken no earlier than day 5 of quarantine (last date of contact with positive individual).

Complete 7 day quarantine period at home. May return to school on day 8 if:

- Negative antigen or PCR test was taken no earlier than days 5 after exposure to the positive individual.
- No symptoms reported.
- Must wear mask at school on day 8-14 after return from quarantine.
- Must be cleared by the RHS Intake Center at Belleview prior to return.\*

\*Refer to:

### 7 DAY RETURN PROCESS

### RETURNING TO SCHOOL BEFORE 14 DAYS

A close contact who is ending quarantine early (less than 14 days) and returning to the school environment should wear a mask and in order to return to in-person learning. The individual should also continue to monitor for symptoms through 14 days after the date of last exposure.

To be considered exposed to COVID-19, you need to be in close contact with a person who has the COVID-19 virus. Close contact includes being within 6 feet of a sick person with the virus for 15 cumulative minutes without the use of a face covering, or within 3 ft. to a person who has tested positive for 15 cumulative minutes if both individuals wear a face covering. The school nurse will determine close contacts and provide exclusion guidance for all students based on SC DHEC guidelines.