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Dear Amador County Staff, Families and Community:

As we navigate the new updates coming from the CDC, CDPH, and Cal OSHA, often we forget to spell out some changes that have taken place in an effort to provide clear and efficient communication. We apologize for the lack of clarification on the topic below and appreciate those who have reached out to bring this to our attention. The information below in red clarified the language sent on Friday.

On Friday evening, we sent out the following information to clarify what the parameters are around positive household contacts:

- *Students who live in a household where someone has tested positive for COVID-19, who are up to date with their vaccine, and who do not have symptoms, do not need to be quarantined. Students who are not vaccinated must be excluded from school. These students can get a PCR test for COVID-19 on or after day 10 since their first exposure to the positive individual. If the test is negative and they remain without symptoms, quarantine can end after Day 14.*

Clarification from the Friday memo:

- *The information above is accurate in that once a family member tests positive and the above scenario exists, students will need to quarantine for 14 days. However, this time has been drastically shortened as prior to Winter Break the quarantine time for this scenario was a minimum of 20 days for students regardless of their negative or positive test result, and often increased from there if other household contacts tested positive during the quarantine period. We anticipate this language to be updated possibly as early as this coming week as we work to get less restrictive while keeping everyone safe. We will send out that update as soon as we receive confirmation of updates and changes.*

Again, we appreciate all of your understanding and support as we continue to get closer to an endemic stage with COVID-19. This has taken a toll on each family, staff member and our greater community. Like I have said since August, our goals have been to keep our doors open with students and staff in school, while keeping each person as safe as possible. It is about taking care of one another and supporting those in need. We have proved to be resilient and will continue to do what is best for all. Amador is a wonderful place, and our community support is what keeps us going.

I wish you all a wonderful end to your weekend and please reach out with any additional questions or concerns. We will have additional updates throughout the week so please watch closely for the most up to date information.

Sincerely,

Torie F. Gibson, Ed.D.

Superintendent, ACOE & ACUSD