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ADDENDUM FOR DENVER CITY ISD STAY-AT-HOME PERIOD IN RESPONSE TO TEA'S DECEMBER 10, 2020 SY 20-21 PUBLIC HEALTH PLANNING GUIDANCE

As of December 4, 2020, the Texas Education Agency (TEA) amended their guidance to allow school districts to implement locally defined stay-at-home periods for individuals meeting the “close contact” definition. The TEA’s revision was a response to the amended “When to Quarantine” Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC’s) guidance released on December 2, 2020.

Denver City ISD’s COVID response team, which is responsible for evaluating and communicating COVID-19 information to all Denver City ISD stakeholders has evaluated the above referenced TEA guidance and has locally adopted the below policy, which becomes effective as of Monday, December 7, 2020. This policy refers to stay-at-home periods for individuals who are identified as meeting the “close contact” definition with an individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19. In general, close contact is defined as:

- a. Being directly exposed to infectious secretions (e.g., being coughed on); or
- b. Being within 6 feet for a total of approximately 15 minutes throughout the course of a day; however, additional factors like case/contact masking (i.e. both the infectious individual and the potential close contact have been consistently and properly masked), ventilation, presence of dividers, and case symptomology may affect this determination.

Either (a) or (b) defines close contact if it occurred during the infectious period of the case, defined as two days prior to symptom onset to 10 days after symptom onset. In the case of asymptomatic individuals who are test-confirmed with COVID-19, the infectious period is defined as two days prior to the confirming test and continuing for 10 days following the confirming test.

STAY-AT-HOME PERIODS FOR INDIVIDUALS MEETING THE CLOSE CONTACT DEFINITION, IN THE ABSENCE OF SPECIFIC CONTROL ORDERS ISSUED BY THEIR LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY REGARDING THE IDENTIFIED INDIVIDUALS:

STUDENTS

- 10 days after the last close contact, with the individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms, remain symptom-free, and take appropriate precaution through day 14
 - Individual must be screened for COVID-19 by a DCISD Health Professional until he/she reaches day 14
- 7 days after the last close contact, with the individual who is test-confirmed to have COVID-19, after receiving a negative test result (administered at least 5 days after the last close contact), so long as they continue to monitor themselves daily for symptoms, remain symptom-free, and take appropriate precautions through day 14
 - Due to obtaining a medical professional’s note clearing the individual for return, the individual shall self-screen for COVID-19 as applicable to the Student Screener for COVID-19