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SEAS School COVID-19 Response Update

The school year has started better than expected. To date, we have not had a positive case reported in the building, though we know even with our best efforts, statistically, it is only a matter of time. We greatly appreciate the efforts and sacrifices so many in our community are making to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19. After nine days of school, there have been a few questions and issues that have come up that I would like to address with our SEAS family.

The COVID-19 page on our website has been updated with the latest information from the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH), including the [COVID-19 Attendance Guide for Parents and Families](#) and the [Home Screening Tool for COVID-19 Symptoms](#). These last two are important for all parents to read through to have an understanding of what we are required to do to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our school. After reading these documents, please let us know if you have any questions that we can address in future updates.

We need families to call in absences and let us know the symptoms your child is experiencing. Without specific symptoms, our assumption has to be that an absence could be due to COVID and your child and their siblings will need to quarantine for 14 days. With specific symptoms, our health office can make the determination of whether or not a child, and their siblings, needs to quarantine.

A student with symptoms of COVID, but without a negative test or an alternative diagnosis from a doctor, must quarantine for at least 10 days since symptoms started.

A quarantine may last longer than 14 days if necessary. A quarantine only ends when it has been 10 days since symptoms started AND they have not had a fever for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines AND they are symptom free.

If a student is healthy enough to work, they will find each day's assignments on either Seesaw (K-3rd) or Google Classroom (4th-8th). Assignments will be posted by 9:00am the following day. For example, if a student is quarantined on Monday, their assignments will be posted on Tuesday by 9:00am.

Everyone can agree that quarantining a student is the best, safest option...until it's your child getting quarantined! It will be in your best interest to have a plan in place now before it has to happen. Some might feel we are being overly cautious, but the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff comes first.

Finally, please remember that this is still a very fluid situation and subject to change. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we navigate through this unique school year.

God bless you all and have a great week,

Mr. Sullivan