

## **DCS COVID Policy 01/27/2022**

Good morning Warriors,

I wanted to let you know that we are continuing to monitor our COVID cases and review our policies and procedures. As new scientific information is released from the CDC and SCDHEC, we continue to update our policies with input from our local health officials.

### ***Quarantine Guidelines:***

- When a student has a positive test result for COVID-19, the following criteria must be met in order for the student who tested positive along with all, unvaccinated, household contacts to return to school:
- At least five (5) days have passed since the date of the COVID-19 test that resulted in a positive test. \*\*Remember, day one is a full 24-hours from the date of the test.
- At least 24 hours have passed since recovery and the individual is no longer running fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.
- Symptoms have been reduced.
- Mandatory five days of wearing a mask following the five day quarantine period.

### ***COVID Policy Updates:***

We are now accepting at-home COVID tests for POSITIVE test results. I have attached the SCDHEC affidavit that will need to be completed if you are utilizing at-home testing. The benefit to utilizing at-home testing for positive test results is that it will allow your quarantine period to start from the day of that test. We know it has been challenging getting tested as testing centers have been overwhelmed. At-home tests will not be accepted for negative test results. If you are required to get tested because of a direct contact exposure or experiencing symptoms, you will need a negative test result from a testing center or doctor's office.

The science is changing regarding antibodies. Our policy is changing to reflect that science. If your student has tested positive for COVID in the past 90 days, they are not required to get tested or quarantine after a direct exposure.

Please continue to communicate if your student, or a member of your household, tests positive. Communication is essential to ensuring we are following all mandates and keeping our student body healthy and safe. Please send all COVID communication to [pwilliams@warriorweb.us](mailto:pwilliams@warriorweb.us).

Thank you so much for your support of our COVID policies and procedures. It is our desire to partner with you to ensure the safest learning environment for our students and faculty.

Joining you in prayer for the safety and health of our students, faculty, and families,  
Mandy Mussman