

## **CHS LEARNING OPTIONS**

*Updated 12/1/2020*

*Since August, the priority goals for the District have been to have seated, in-person learning occur daily. We have asked for guidance repeatedly from both health officials and from Legislative leaders in the region and state. We have seen large numbers of students and staff receive quarantine orders from our local health department even with low numbers of positive COVID cases. New masking guidance from Governor Parson allows us the best possible options to keep students in school, in person, and as safe as possible.*

*Beginning Tuesday, December 8th, the student mask requirement will be fully implemented for all high school students during school hours. We will continue to provide positive reinforcement for student masking, work with individual students on periodic mask breaks in safe situations, and patiently address student masking situations. Our priority remains providing students and staff with a safe school environment in which students can engage in as much in-person learning as possible.*

*The following information is provided to assist students and parents in assessing the best path forward for each individual.*

**SEATED IN-PERSON LEARNING (best- for most):** CHS is and remains committed to continuing with school five days per week, seated, for all students. CHS does have a student mask requirement effective Tuesday, December 8, as Directed by the Cassville R-IV Board of Education.

**REMOTE LEARNING DUE TO QUARANTINE (better- for most):** Students advised to quarantine or who are positive COVID cases will continue their learning from home using CHS-issued chromebooks and communicate with CHS teachers through Google Classroom, two-way video, email, or Remind. If internet is unavailable, parents should contact the school for alternative options such as working offline or using flash drives.

**VIRTUAL LEARNING (good- for some):** Students who choose to do all coursework from home may choose the virtual option. CHS uses **Launch**, a product of the Springfield MO School District. Students would not attend school at CHS, would use a CHS-issued chromebook, and would communicate directly with **Launch** teachers. They are still Cassville Wildcats, are enrolled at CHS, and are eligible to participate in extracurricular activities. The success rate in this program is around 50%. CHS staff monitor progress, and will determine if they are allowed to continue in the Launch program. **Deadline for 2nd semester enrollment is December 15, 2020.**

**REMOTE LEARNING BY CHOICE (high risk- for all):** This is an option with risks of failure and retainment due to the following. If a student chooses to stay home, they will be counted absent. They may complete any work assigned through Google Classroom and submit as if they are at school. They will miss participation points for classes (*Band, PE, etc*), and will also miss group projects or in-class-only work. Teachers will answer questions and assist through email, but will focus first on students in the classroom and those under quarantine orders.

- On the 11th consecutive day of absence students are dropped from enrollment.
- Student progress will be evaluated during second semester to determine advancement or retention options.

# Wear a mask. Stay in school.



## COVID-19 School Scenarios

*with no documented transmission in the classroom setting*

### EVERYONE MASKED

When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks

COVID +

Close Contacts



ISOLATE



SELF-MONITOR  
NO QUARANTINE

### CLOSE CONTACTS MASKED

When an unmasked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks

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### CLOSE CONTACT:

Someone who was within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more throughout a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection).

### SELF-MONITOR:

Perform a self-check or be monitored daily for symptoms of COVID-19 over a 14-day period. Contact your health care provider with questions about symptoms.

### QUARANTINE:

The practice of separating individuals who have had close contact with someone diagnosed with COVID-19 to determine whether they develop symptoms or test positive for the disease.

### ISOLATION:

The practice of separating people diagnosed with COVID-19 from others who are not sick to prevent further exposures and/or spread of the disease.

### CLOSE CONTACTS UNMASKED

When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are not wearing masks

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SELF-MONITOR  
NO QUARANTINE



QUARANTINE

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QUARANTINE



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### *Modified Quarantine within the School Setting*

In light of growing evidence that suggests the low risk of COVID-19 transmission among children, as well as guidance from state authorities, the Barry County Health Department will allow strict modified quarantine procedures in K-12 schools under limited circumstances. This means in some circumstances, children may continue to go to school during their quarantine period, despite being identified as a close contact to someone with COVID-19.

School districts that choose to adopt these guidelines may implement the new policies immediately. It will be up to school districts to determine whether they will change their processes, and if so, how to implement those changes. Schools may adopt stricter guidelines, if they choose.

Strict modified quarantine will only be permitted among children in schools where a masking mandate has been adopted by the school board. Additionally, this will exclusively extend to the classroom only—not to outside activities or other circumstances.

There are several conditions that must be met for students to be eligible for modified quarantine:

- Schools must adopt and enforce a masking mandate for everyone without a medical exemption.
- Masks must be worn at all times. Face shields DO NOT count as a mask. Form fitting masks and gaiters must have two (2) layers of protection.
- School environment must have significant mitigation strategies in place. Classrooms must be designed to limit spread and maximize physical distancing. Increased hand hygiene activities must also be in place.
- Modified quarantine will only apply to children in the school setting where both the infected individual and the close contact were masked at the time of contact.
- A procedure for screening for COVID-19 and immediate isolation of anyone with symptoms must be in place.

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- Students in classrooms with more than one positive case linked to classroom spread are NOT eligible for modified quarantine, and standard quarantine practices will be used until there is a minimum of 14 days without additional cases. The Barry County Health Department should be consulted in making this decision.

When an individual is identified as a positive COVID-19 case, close contacts will be identified. This includes anyone who has been within six (6) feet for a cumulative 15 minutes or more within a 24-hour period during the infectious period. When the above criteria are met, modified quarantine may be used.

Modified quarantine allows for a student to continue to attend school. The following must occur for identified direct contacts:

- This modified quarantine only creates an exception for attendance at school. The student must still quarantine at home from other activities. Student may not leave their home for school associated sports, extracurricular activities, or any other activities or places outside of the school setting.
- Mask must be worn at all times, except while eating or drinking.
- If mask is removed, the student must be a minimum of six (6) feet from others.
- Student cannot participate in any activity in which a mask cannot be worn.
- School will monitor for symptoms daily

If the student develops any symptoms of COVID-19, they should be immediately isolated and sent home. Testing for COVID-19 may be recommended.

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