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MBS Family:

As you may have heard, the CDC has released new guidance reducing the number of days that people exposed to the coronavirus must quarantine. Rather than mandate a 14-day quarantine, the CDC will now recommend that close contacts quarantine for 7 days if they test negative for the virus and report no symptoms during daily monitoring. If a close contact does not get tested and reports no symptoms during daily monitoring, that individual must quarantine for 10 days.

Local public health authorities determine and establish quarantine procedures for their jurisdictions. We have contacted our local health officials and are waiting for guidance on how to adapt our protocols. We will not modify our protocols until we receive this guidance, but our team is already preparing to assist with quarantine adjustments when the new information becomes available. We will let you know as soon as we learn more. In the meantime, you can read about the [CDC's revision here](#).

On another note, Mountain Brook Schools has eclipsed the daily number of positive coronavirus cases that we identified as the threshold for publishing our school system's case count. MBS exceeded 20 positive cases upon returning from Thanksgiving break and, as of today, has 26 positive cases among students, faculty, and staff.

It is important to remember that this data has been reported voluntarily by members of our school community and is therefore unofficial. If you need to report a positive case or possible exposure, please contact your school nurse. If you need to get tested for COVID-19, [Interim Healthcare](#) is offering testing on Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MBS reminds you to be vigilant in masking, distancing, and practicing good hygiene this school year. Our collective commitment to these practices will help mitigate coronavirus spread and keep our students in school as much as possible. Please know that our school system's abiding priority is to ensure the health and safety of our school community while providing an effective, challenging, and engaging education for every one of our students.

If you have any questions, please email covid19questions@mtnbrook.k12.al.us.