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Dear Parent/Guardian,

In an effort to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and to try and keep students in our classrooms, Worth County R-III will begin administering Covid Antigen diagnostic testing to those who give consent. This testing option will help the district identify positive cases of Covid-19 and aid in decision making for the health and safety of our students and staff. If you have question please call a school administrator.

- Stay in school and participate in extracurricular activities. —Students, teachers, and staff identified as close contacts can continue to attend school and participate in extracurricular activities, if the following test to stay criteria are met:

- The close contact does not include household exposures (i.e., exposures among persons who live in the same household). There may be other similar higher-risk exposures where test to stay would not be recommended.

- Does not develop symptoms of COVID- 19 throughout the full duration of the quarantine period (14 days past the last date of exposure to the case).

'Receive a minimum of three rapid antigen tests (e.g., BinaxNOW) during the first seven days of the quarantine period per the following: Test One: Upon identification as a close contact (unless already participating in a screening testing program); AND Tests Two and Three: A minimum of two additional rapid antigen tests, preferably on two non-consecutive school days within the first seven days of the quarantine period.

For participation in extracurricular activities, daily testing is recommended, though at a minimum, an additional rapid antigen test is to be taken on the day of participation throughout the duration of the 14-day quarantine period. The testing should be completed and a negative result received prior to participation in the event.

Please reach out if you have any questions about our new testing option and procedures that we have in place to keep students learning.

Respectfully,

Chris Healy
Superintendent
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