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**I have reviewed all ESSER III Plan requirements, collected updated stakeholder input, and reviewed the current plan and stakeholder input to determine if updates are needed to the Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan at this time.** Yes, I have collected stakeholder input and need to update the plan.

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**1. Provide Updates on: Description of maintaining health and safety of students, educators, and other school and LEA staff; generally if/how policies and practices are based on CDC safety recommendations:** Asymptomatic - Student can return to school on day 6 after positive test, as long as they do not develop symptoms. A mask must be worn through day 10.

Symptomatic - Student can return to school at least 5 days after the first day of symptoms (i.e. - may return on day 6) AND it has been 24 hours since the person has had a fever without the use of fever reducing medication AND symptoms are significantly improving. A mask must be worn through day 10.

Household/Close Contacts - The positive case should isolate when possible. Student must complete 5 days of quarantine after last contact with positive case and can return to school on day 6 (as long as they do not develop symptoms). A mask must be worn through day 10. IF student is fully vaccinated, no quarantine is required. Fully vaccinated: a person who has completed their primary vaccine series (two doses of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Janssen vaccine), with at least two weeks since their last dose. IF student has been previously infected within the past 90 days (positive PCR or antigen test), they do not have to quarantine but must wear a mask through day 10 of positive person's isolation.

Testing is recommended no sooner than day 5 after exposure, but not required.

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**2. Provide Updates on: Universal and correct wearing of masks:** Contact tracing and masking of close contacts without symptoms is no longer required.

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3. Provide Updates on: Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding)	N/A
4. Provide Updates on: Handwashing and respiratory etiquette:	N/A
5. Provide Updates on: Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:	N/A
6. Provide Updates on: Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine:	<p>Isolation requirements for those who have COVID-19 will remain unchanged. This means a 5 day isolation is still required for positive cases.</p> <p>We will continue to report the number of positive cases to DHEC on a weekly basis.</p> <p>If 10% or more of students or staff have COVID-19 for 2 or more consecutive weeks, quarantine will be reinstated.</p> <p>This updated guidance recognizes that we now need to treat and manage COVID as an endemic. It also allows us to respond quickly should another surge or variant arise.</p>
7. Provide Updates on: Diagnostic and screening testing:	N/A
8. Provide Updates on: Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible:	N/A
9. Provide Updates on: Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies and practices:	N/A
10. Provide Updates on: Coordination with state and local health officials:	N/A
11. Response on continuity of services	We continue to meet as an MTSS team to address any students that either need continuity of services or new services.
12. Response on ensuring periodic updates to plan	The administrative team meets every time there is a DHEC/CDC update and revises in accordance.
13. Response on public input in development of plan	We have utilized all public forums to include social media, the school website and in person public stakeholder meetings to gain input and implement accordingly.