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Dear Families and Staff,

Buchanan Community Schools learned today that *1 staff member at Moccasin Elementary School has tested positive for COVID-19.* The staff member is in isolation. Due to federal health privacy laws, information regarding their identity cannot be released. Please respect their privacy during this difficult time.

**Below you will find the quarantine/isolation guidelines:**

**Isolation Guidelines (for students/staff who have symptoms or have tested positive):**

Students, teachers & staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or display COVID-19 symptoms should isolate regardless of vaccination status:

- Isolate at home for days 0-5 days (day “0” is day symptoms begin or day test was taken for students, teachers & staff who do not have symptoms); monitor for symptoms days 6-10. Return to school or work if symptoms improve days 6-10 while wearing a well-fitted mask **or**
- Stay home for 10 days if unwilling/unable to wear a mask.

**Quarantine Guidelines (for close contacts):**

- Fully Vaccinated students/staff exposed to COVID-19 do not need to quarantine unless they are experiencing symptoms
- Unvaccinated close contacts in a masked setting exposed to COVID-19 do not need to quarantine unless they are experiencing symptoms
- Unvaccinated close contacts in an unmasked setting exposed to COVID-19 will need to (choose an option):
  - **QUARANTINE\*** - Days 1-5 and test on Day 5. Student should continue masking for Days 6-10 **OR**
  - **TEST TO STAY** - Student will test every other day for six days following exposure and wear a mask for Days 1-10 **OR**
  - **MASK TO STAY\*** - When testing is unavailable and student has no symptoms, they may stay in school if they correctly and consistently wear a well-fitted mask (1) **OR**
  - **HOME QUARANTINE** - Student will quarantine at home for full 10 days

**TEST TO STAY:** test every other day for 6 days (days 3 and 5) following the exposure and consistent and correct use of a [well-fitted mask](#). Test to Stay COVID testing is provided at Berrien RESA Front Lobby located at 711 Saint Joseph Ave., Berrien Springs, MI 49103; Monday - Friday 6:30am-7:45am, no appointment needed. Store bought rapid tests are also allowed.

**Please remember, if a student or staff member is sick they should not come to school. If they are sick and have taken a COVID-19 test, they are not to return to school until the results are in. If the results are positive, they will need to quarantine. If a student or staff member is confirmed to have COVID-19, the student or staff member are to immediately be excluded from school and are to quarantine.**

We will continue to provide updates as needed. You can access all of the district’s related communication by

visiting our website at [www.buchananschools.com](http://www.buchananschools.com). If you have questions, please contact your building administrator.

Thank you for your continued support. By working together, we will get through these challenging times. As you know, the well-being of our students, staff, and families is our number one priority.

Please join me in sending healing thoughts to our staff member.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patricia Robinson', written in a cursive style.

Patricia Robinson  
Superintendent