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Our vision is to develop responsible, resilient, creative citizens capable of succeeding in a global society.

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Dear Buchanan Families,

Welcome to the new school year! The COVID guidelines have been updated.

We will review our numbers to make informed decisions regarding mitigation strategies that keep our environment safe.

Below you will find the positive case/exposure guidelines:

## Students/Staff who have symptoms or have tested positive:

Students, teachers & staff who test positive for COVID-19 and/or display COVID-19 symptoms shall be excluded for five (5) days from the first sign of <u>COVID-19 Symptoms</u>. They may return to school/work on day six (6) if symptoms have improved or if no symptoms developed. It is recommended to continue to wear a well-fitted mask ending after day 10.

## **Exposure Guidelines (for close contacts):**

- The district will inform parents/guardians of exposed students of the school-related COVID-19 exposure.
- If students or staff are not experiencing symptoms and have been exposed to a positive case, it is recommended they should mask for ten (10) days after the exposure and monitor symptoms. If the student or staff becomes symptomatic during this period, they should stay home.
- As a reminder, parents/guardians are not to send children to school who are ill per policy.
  - o PO 8450 Control of Casual Contact Communicable Diseases

Additional resources:

COVID-19 Guidance

## Guidance if you test positive

We will continue to update you as the need arises. Thank you for your support and cooperation as we work to provide a safe and healthy learning environment.

Educationally yours,

Patricia L. Robinson,

Superintendent of Buchanan Community Schools