

Good Evening Gloucester County Public Schools Families,

This is Lisa Jones, the Director of Nursing for GCPS. I am calling to provide you with an update to our quarantine guidelines. In our efforts to support students and staff to the greatest extent possible, students and employees where applicable who are identified as close contacts to a COVID-19 positive person will now have the option to end quarantine after seven days with a negative test on day five or after from the last date of exposure. Also, the exposed person in quarantine must also remain symptom-free without the use of medicine. Please reach out to your school nurse if you need to adjust a student's return date. In addition, please be aware that the ten-day and fourteen-day quarantine options remain in effect as well. This information is also now available for your review on the GCPS homepage under COVID-19 information.

While we are continuing to promote COVID-19 mitigation strategies to include distancing to the greatest extent possible, contact tracing, frequent hand washing, and sanitizing, we ask for your support in supplying your students with masks daily, and encourage them to wear them properly while in the school buildings and on the school buses. In addition, please keep your students at home if they are sick. With our combined efforts, we can limit the spread of COVID-19 and create a healthy environment for all.

In closing, I want to thank you for your continued support as we navigate through the challenges of this pandemic together.