NEW (5/11/23) CDC K-12 Guidance Strategies for Everyday Operations

Throughout the pandemic, schools and Early Childhood Education programs were instructed to follow a variety of actions daily to prevent the spread of infectious diseases, including the virus that causes COVID-19. With the end of the federal COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) declaration, some of the metrics used to guide prevention strategies, such as the *COVID-19 Community Levels* dashboard, will no longer be available. As of May 12, 2023, please use the following to address any COVID-19 related concerns:

1. Management of Cases & Exposures (i.e. Isolation and Quarantine)

• A positive case must isolate at home for 5 days. They may return on day 6 if their symptoms are improving, and they wear a tight fitting mask for days 6-10. No testing to return is required; however, if they take 2 antigen tests – 48 hours apart, starting on day 6, and they are both negative, they may discontinue mask use.

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