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Dear USD 350 Community,

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment (KDHE), along with the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is implementing a 30-day temporary suspension on all contact tracing activities in schools.

Our district will be suspending any contact tracing and quarantines for close contacts for the next 30 days. This means that anyone that has potentially been exposed to Covid will not be required to stay home or be required to test to come to school. This also includes household contacts. Testing will continue to be available at school as long as we have adequate supplies.

Because the virus is so widespread at this time, all staff and students should assume that they have been exposed and should continually monitor for symptoms. Anyone that is showing symptoms should stay home or have a Covid test before coming to school. We will do our best to notify families if their student has a direct, high-risk exposure here at school or school activities. It is important that individuals stay home if they are sick.

Anyone that tests positive for Covid should follow directions from the county health department. In general, an individual that tests positive must stay out of school for 5-10 days. If there are no symptoms, he or she may return to school after 5 days (on day #6) but must wear a mask for the next 5 days (#6 through #10).

If you have any questions regarding this change to school contact tracing protocols, contact the school office. To learn more about this guidance change, visit <https://www.coronavirus.kdheks.gov/283/Education-K-12>.

Respectfully,

Josh Meyer, Superintendent

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