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**Madison County Schools**  
**Guidelines for Quarantine**  
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In conjunction with the Madison County Health Department and our school nurses, Madison County Schools will adhere to the following guidelines.

- MCS will follow the StrongSchoolsNC Public Health Toolkit (K-12)
- MCS will contact trace based upon “*proper and consistent*” mask wearing as well as social distancing within our school buildings.
- If an individual tests positive for Covid-19 or has direct exposure to a positive, he or she will quarantine for 10 days.
- An individual can come back to work or school after a 10 day quarantine:
  - If the individual has a negative Covid-19 test (a rapid test is acceptable)
  - If the individual does not want to test they can return after 14 days
- A *Vaccinated* individual does not have to quarantine unless symptoms develop.
- If a student has a sibling at home that is positive for Covid-19 or awaiting a pending test result, the student will have a 10 day quarantine.
- If a staff member is taking care of a child at home with Covid-19, the staff member will have a 10 day quarantine.
- If an individual has had Covid-19, he or she will have a 3 month window of time that they will not quarantine if exposed to Covid-19.
- Staff members need to have a letter of quarantine from the Health Department or our School nurses for payroll purposes.