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Dear Ashland Elementary School Families,

Thank you for your patience as we reviewed the new CDC and DHHS guidance regarding the length of isolation and quarantine related to COVID-19. AES has adopted the recommended shortened isolation and quarantine guidelines **effective Wednesday, January 18, 2022**. Attached please find specific information from the NH Division of Public Health Services regarding these changes and how they will impact your family.

Here are some things you should know:

- Students/staff who were isolating must meet the symptom guidelines before returning to school. (Please refer to attached documents)
- Students/staff returning from a 5-day quarantine or isolation must wear a well-fitting mask at all times (indoors and outdoors) for five days after their return to school. The School Nurse will meet with students upon their return and will provide a well-fitting mask if needed. (Please refer to attached documents)
- Students returning from a 5-day quarantine or isolation will eat lunch in the cafeteria with their classmates. Staff will work hard to minimize time without masks and will distance students as much as possible. Should you have individual concerns for your child in such a setting, please reach out to Principal Kelly Avery to see what alternatives may be arranged.

As we continue to see increased community transmission, please monitor your students daily. If your student is not feeling well, please do not send him/her to school and seek testing for any new or unexplained COVID-19 symptoms.

I recognize that this news provides some of you with a great feeling of relief and others with a great deal of concern. We will continue to work together to navigate this change. Thank you for your ongoing partnership.

Be well AES!

Respectfully,

Mary Moriarty
Superintendent of Schools