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Good Afternoon,

With the increase of COVID-19 in our community DOH Monroe wanted to send out a few reminders on current CDC guidelines and a list of resources all in one location. As well as more information on school resources and COVID protocols.

Public School Specific Resources for COVID-19
- The Monroe County School District COVID-19 Dashboard is updated daily and can be viewed here.
- The Monroe County School District COVID-19 Procedures and Protocols can be found here.
- The Florida Department of Health COVID-19 Isolation and Quarantine Guidelines for Students in Public Schools can be found here. The guidance included in this document are based off of Emergency Rule 64DER21-12, which can be found here.
- Per this Emergency Rule "protocol for students with exposure to COVID-19 who are known to have been in direct contact with an individual who received a **positive diagnostic test** for COVID-19 should not attend school, school-sponsored activities, or be on school property" until certain guidelines are met.
- Do **NOT** return to school if you are experiencing COVID-19 like illness OR awaiting a PCR test result.
- Due to the increase of COVID-19 in our community many are purchasing over the counter home test kits for rapid identification of COVID-19 if they are having symptoms. Things to do if you have a positive home test/or is reported to you as a provider:
  - Seek addition testing thru one of the community based testing sites, a list can be found here.
  - Report this information to your child's school nurse, or the school if no nurse is on campus. If you have a copy of your home test result via an app please email it to MonroeCOVID@flhealth.gov and email a copy to your child's school nurse.
  - Contact information for school nurses for Monroe County School District can be found here. Please scroll to the bottom and select detailed staff directory for more information.
  - Please know that contract tracing cannot happen at the school level WITHOUT a diagnostic test. For a home test to be considered diagnostic it must be verified by:
    - The provider, and reported to the local health department if they can confirm the positive test result belongs to the patient.
    - Collected at home and sent to a laboratory. The lab will then report the results to the local health department.
    - Results submitted by the parent to a mobile app (Some companies have this app feature such as Ellume which can be purchased at CVS. Test kits like Abbott Binax do not have this feature)
  - If an individual with a diagnostic test for COVID-19 is then exposed to a positive individual after they have already isolated for 10 days they would not need to quarantine with the new exposure if within 90 days. It is important to obtain a test result on your child when they initially feel sick, to avoid unnecessary quarantines with later exposures.

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Additional Resources

- Please click here COVID-19 FAQs 09.01.2021 for more guidance on those who test positive or are exposed to COVID-19 for help determining isolation/quarantine lengths.
- For a copy of known community testing locations please visit monroe.flhealth.gov/covid19 and click "Testing Locations."
- Please click here press release from the Florida Department of Health in Monroe County regarding, "**Health Department Urges those with Symptoms to Stay Home.**"
- Weekly COVID-19 reports are published by Florida Department of Health every Friday and can be accessed here.

Thank you,

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