



OUR LADY Queen of Heaven CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Parents, we received a new update today from the Office of Catholic Schools, concerning the procedure for individuals who have come in close contact with someone with COVID-19. If your child is currently under quarantine that period may be amended from 14 days to the new 10 day guideline in accordance with the LDH and LDOE.

Please read the information below carefully and let us know if you have any questions:

The new guidance impacts close contacts and goes into effect immediately. The Diocese of Lake Charles Catholic Schools shall adhere to the following guidance:

If an individual is a close contact of an individual infected with COVID-19:

- Quarantine can end after Day 10 post-exposure without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring.
- Quarantine can end after Day 7 post-exposure ***if an individual tests negative following a molecular/PCR or antigen test and no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. A copy of a negative test must be submitted to the front office before a student may return to school from a 7 day quarantine.***
- A molecular/PCR test may be taken on ***Day 5 or 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation, but quarantine cannot be discontinued any earlier than Day 7.***
- In both cases, continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14 MUST continue. If any symptoms develop prior to Day 14, the individual should immediately self-isolate and contact their healthcare provider and supervising principal to report their change in status.

We will continue working with the Louisiana Department of Health and our health partners to update guidance when it becomes available.

Source Material: CDC - Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with COVID-19 <<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html?preview>> - Updated December 2, 2020