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January 18, 2022

Dear Parents and CHA Community Members:

As we have learned since March 2020, the respective guidance, policies, and procedures surrounding COVID-19 has continued to evolve. In remaining consistent with the guidance received from the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the local health department, CHA has amended the isolation and quarantine policies and procedures as stated below.

People with COVID-19 should isolate for 5 days and if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours), follow that by 5 days of wearing a mask when around others.

Recommendations for people who are exposed to COVID-19 are also updated. If you are unvaccinated or more than 6 months out from your second mRNA dose (or more than 2 months after the J&J vaccine) and you are not yet boosted, CDC recommends a quarantine for 5 days followed by strict mask use for an additional 5 days. If a 5-day quarantine is not feasible, it is imperative that an exposed person wear a well-fitting mask at all times when around others for 10 days after exposure.

People who have received their booster shot do not need to quarantine following an exposure but should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure. For all those exposed, best practice would also include a test for COVID-19 at day 5 after exposure. If symptoms occur, individuals should immediately quarantine until a negative test confirms symptoms are not attributable to COVID-19. The Academy continued to mandate mask-wearing on all school buses, and strongly recommends mask-wearing at all times. The Academy also encourages and practices social distancing. However, we continue receive clear guidance that when in public, mask-wearing in public is significant in avoiding the spread of COVID-19. If you choose to have your children wear masks, they will be supplied by the Academy.

Again, this change allows the Academy to remain aligned with CDC and health department guidance. In addition, your family physician may recommend a longer quarantine period, which is certainly acceptable. Please continue to work directly with CHA's Director of Health and Safety, Jeff Cherryhomes (989-632-3390). I urge the school community and general public to remain united and positive towards one another. As we know, the imperfections of any health care issue are evident, so while we may not always agree on the guidance, policies, and procedures, if we remain united and supportive of one another we will progress.

Feel free to contact me if you have any questions (989-632-3390).

Here is to a healthy and safe 2022!

Sincerely,

David Patterson, Superintendent
Charlton Heston Academy