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Dear KCS D Staff and Families,

With positive cases of the COVID-19 variant becoming more prevalent, I wanted to provide all of you with an update on the district's plan for contact tracing and quarantining procedures which have recently changed due to updated Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Guidelines.

With regards to contact tracing, our plan states the following:

"As it pertains to the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the Keystone Central School District will abide by, to the maximum extent possible, any contact tracing, isolation and quarantine requirements issued by the Centers for Disease Control/Pennsylvania Department of Health/Pennsylvania Department of Education."

As of February 28, 2022 the CDC states that, *"Universal case investigation and contact tracing are not recommended for COVID-19. Health department jurisdictions should prioritize specific settings and groups at increased risk."*

The Keystone Central School District continues to follow the board approved Health & Safety Plan which includes layered mitigation strategies including voluntary masking, additional cleaning ventilation measures, and promoting hand washing and respiratory etiquette. However, **we will no longer be conducting contact tracing or requiring quarantines** based on updated information from the Centers for Disease Control.

Employees and families who become positive, or are a close contact, are encouraged to isolate and inform close contacts about their potential exposure so close contacts can quarantine, get tested, wear well-fitting masks, take travel precautions, and seek treatment as appropriate. I also recommend that you seek the advice of your physician or your child's pediatrician.

Thank you for your continued efforts in keeping our schools safe for staff and students. Please let me know if you have any additional questions,

Dr. Jacquelyn Martin