Quarantine Guidelines

- If a student/staff member is vaccinated, is there any change in the criteria for isolation? For example, will they still need to be isolated for two minor symptoms such as headache and sore throat?

Yes, they should still isolate as a person under investigation, and they should be tested, even with minor symptoms as listed above.

- For quarantine, I wanted to touch base on the following:

-Vaccinated students/staff will not need to quarantine for exposure if they are asymptomatic
-For those with a previously COVID infection, is the guideline still that they would not need to quarantine if the infection was in the last six months and they are asymptomatic?

Yes, you are correct regarding quarantine after exposures, as listed above.

- I do not have any new changes or updates yet, but they change from week to week. I will keep you posted if anything new comes my way. I pulled the below from the KDHE website and have attached the document as well. All the below information can be found on page 16.

How long am I considered immune if I had COVID-19 disease?
Close contacts with evidence of the previous infection supported by a positive PCR or antigen test may be exempt from quarantine after re-exposure as long as they remain asymptomatic. This is to be determined by the local health officer based on a possible 6-month period of presumed immunity. If an investigation was done documenting the date that symptoms resolved, or the date isolation measures were discontinued for asymptomatic patients, then the 6-month period can start from that end date. If those dates are not available, then the period will start from the date of the positive laboratory test. A serology or antibody test may not be substituted for a laboratory report of a viral diagnostic test.

If the close contact becomes symptomatic, testing via an antigen test is preferred. The sample for the antigen test should be taken within the first 5 to 7 days from symptom onset (depending on the EUA for the test being used).

How long am I considered immune if I had the COVID-19 vaccine?
Vaccinated persons with exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 are not required to quarantine if they meet all of the following criteria:
• Are fully vaccinated (i.e., ≥two weeks following receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose series, or ≥two weeks following receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine)
• Have remained asymptomatic since the current COVID-19 exposure
There is currently no time limit on how long fully vaccinated persons are considered immune. Therefore, persons who do not meet the above criteria should continue to follow current quarantine guidance after exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID[1]19.

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Except for the above guidance, vaccinated inpatients and residents in healthcare settings should continue to quarantine the following exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19; outpatients should be cared for using appropriate transmission-based precautions. This exception is due to the unknown vaccine effectiveness in this population, the higher risk of severe disease and death, and challenges with social distancing in healthcare settings.

If the exposed person becomes symptomatic, they should be tested via PCR or antigen test. If they had natural disease recently, meaning they had COVID-19 illness in the last few months, an antigen test within the first 5 to 7 days from symptom onset (depending on the EUA for the test they are using) is preferred. Receiving the vaccine does not affect the results of a PCR or antigen test, only an antibody test

Safety Protocols

- Safety Protocols
  - If an individual is fully vaccinated masks are not required.
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others. Use of Cohort Grouping as needed
  - Wash your hands often with soap and water. Use hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't available
  - Adjust the social distance requirement as the CDC and Sedgwick County Recommendations Adjust
  - Student and Staff rapid and PCR testing
  - Cleaning and sanitation Protocols