



Statewide Email

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FROM: Kathy Hebda, Chancellor

TO: FCS Presidents

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SUBJECT: Updated FDOH & CDC Self-isolation Guidance

This email is being sent for your information regarding the <u>CDC's updated guidance on self-</u> <u>isolation/quarantine</u> for people who come in close contact to someone with COVID-19. Attached are two documents you may find helpful. These are published by FDOH and certainly pertain to those of you who have K-12 schools on your campus. In addition, as our Chief of Staff Alex Kelly noted to us earlier today, they are helpful documents for any educational setting.

Following are key changes in these documents from prior FDOH and CDC guidance:

- Regarding the "CHD Guidance for Contact Tracing K-12 V5 final" attachment, I would first focus on the "Quarantine" paragraph on page 1. This is the main new piece of information that reflects <u>the CDC's recent updated guidance</u>. Most everything else appears to be excellent refreshers on prior guidance.
- Regarding the "K12 School FAQ V5 final" attachment, the definition of a "close contact" on the bottom half of page 3 and determining which students had close contact on the top half of page 4 are some of the most helpful explanations we've seen on these related topics. The question about a "return to school early" on page 4 is new information that complements the first attachment and the CDC's recent updated guidance.

Thank you for all you continue to do to advance high quality education for all Floridians.

Sincerely,

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