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STUDENT SUPPORT INITIATIVES & RECOVERY

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TO: All Principals
All Departments

FROM: Antoine L. Hickman, Ed.D., Chief Officer
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VIA: Valerie S. Wanza, Ph.D.
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SUBJECT: **REVISED BCPS SYMPTOMATIC ACTION TREE FOR COVID-19 FOR STUDENTS AND EMPLOYEES**



ACTION: This memo provides updated information on COVID-19. It is important that you and your staff review this document.

RATIONALE: The District aims to ensure that school personnel and staff are knowledgeable of COVID-19 procedures. It is recommended that everyone responsible for schools and staff, review the COVID-19 information. All attached documents are posted on Coordinated Student Health Services' SharePoint site at <https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/SS/CSH/Pages/default.aspx>.

The revised changes are due to CDC and public health experts' guidance. The following information includes: **Revised BCPS Symptomatic Action Tree**. This action tree addresses managing students and staff with suspected COVID-19 symptoms and guidance with positive cases and close contacts.

COVID-19 Information: The following are updated guidelines aligned for students and employees:

- 1 Negative PCR Test will be required for all to return to school/work
- A note from a healthcare provider will **no longer be required** for return to school/work in addition to a negative PCR Test
- Schools should check for siblings/relatives in other BCPS sites and report to DOH or Risk Management
- Students/Employees must **not** return to school/work **sick** even with a negative PCR Test
- Guidance from DOH may be a little less restrictive than our guidance
- Everyone should be fever-free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication before returning to school/work

Extenuating Circumstances: Individuals who continues to test positive on a PCR test, may return to school/work under the following criteria:

- 14 days has elapsed from date of symptoms onset or initial date tested (PCR test)
- Individual must be asymptomatic

Due to frequent changes regarding COVID-19, we highly recommend that you keep updated with additional resources on the CDC website, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html> COVID-19 protocols and information are posted of CSHS SharePoint site. Go to

<https://browardcountyschools.sharepoint.com/sites/Intranet/Academics/SS/CSH/Pages/default.aspx>

- Scroll down to "Documents"
- Scroll down to Folder titled "A-Principals Packet COVID-19 October 2020"

For questions or additional information, please contact **Coordinated Student Health Services Department via email at COVID19Nurse@browardschools.com**.

VSW/ALH/MB:etb
Attachment

c: Senior Leadership Team