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Dear West Salem Families,

In an effort to keep as many of our students learning at school as possible, we will be making a change to our isolation protocols. All students that test positive will now be following a “5 and 5 Protocol” to return to school. This means that the positive individual must isolate for 5 days from symptom onset and can return to school on day 6 as all students are currently masking while indoors.

If there is a positive individual within a student’s household, students that are vaccinated and asymptomatic are able to return to school. If the student develops any symptoms, a test is warranted, or a 5 day isolation period of time. Unvaccinated students will be able to return to school five days (returning on day 6) after their last date of contact with the positive household member.

As a convenience to our families, we continue to offer PCR testing on campus for all students and their household family members. Information on our testing can be found [here](#).

We understand there have been several changes regarding our COVID protocols and mitigation measures lately and we appreciate your cooperation, patience, and understanding in helping us to keep our schools safe.

Thank you and be well!

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