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Health Protocol for Schools 2021-2022 School Year

Purpose: This protocol was developed in collaboration with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department; Iron County School District will plan to implement the following procedures for the 2021-2022 school year regarding the health and safety of our staff and students. Our efforts are centered around three priorities.

1. Healthy students should be in school. Students showing any signs of illness should stay home.
2. When students or staff members test positive for COVID-19, they should not have contact with healthy students and staff and need to stay home and isolate.
3. Parents and families should be notified when their student has been exposed to COVID-19.

Protocol:

- The Iron County School District will inform all parents that exposure to COVID-19 is possible at any time while students are at school. This information will include the state's website where total positive cases for each school will be reported. Additionally, the information will include what parents should watch for and contact information for where they can get help or answers to questions.
- The Southwest Utah Public Health Department will inform the parents and Iron County School District when a school-age child (18 years or younger) has tested positive for COVID-19.
- The Iron County School District will inform the applicable school about the positive test along with any additional information from the Health Department including the duration of the isolation.
- The student who tested positive will be provided other learning options, but will not be physically in school.
- Students who may have been exposed but have not tested positive will NOT be required to quarantine.

Mask use is NOT required in Iron County Schools. However, anyone wishing to wear a mask will be supported in that decision.

These protocols are the direction we have been given in consultation with the Southwest Utah Public Health Department as of September 2021 and may change at any time.

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