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**To: Linn County Public School Superintendents**

**RE: Guidance for Response to Positive COVID-19 Tests**

As school districts in Linn County continue to have in-classroom education, and with Gov. Kate Brown's announcement this week that 15 counties are now in the extreme risk category for COVID-19, the Linn County Board of Commissioners would like to emphasize that its position on enacting quarantines of students has not changed. Linn County recommends that school districts follow the guidelines set by the Centers for Disease Control, the Oregon Health Authority and the Oregon Department of Education.

The issue has resurfaced because some Linn County families were informed by their school district that their children will have to quarantine for 14 days, even though they were not within six feet of a possibly infected person for more than 15 minutes, and many of these families have reached out to our offices.

The Oregon Department of Education and the Oregon Health Authority suggest students stay home from school under the following circumstances:

- If they are sick, even if they do not have COVID-19 or symptoms of COVID-19
- If they are showing symptoms of COVID-19
- If they test positive for COVID-19, even if they show no symptoms
- If they have been in close contact with someone who has COVID-19
- If a member of your household tests positive for COVID-19

Close contact refers to when a person has come within about 6 feet of anyone who has COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more, cumulatively, within a 24-hour period.

We appreciate your team's efforts and all the hard work it has taken to get kids back to school for in-classroom learning and social interactions. For more information, call Todd Noble, Linn County Public Health Director at (541) 704-3004. As always, feel free to reach out to us anytime we can be of assistance.

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