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RE: Students Testing Out of Quarantine on Day 7

Members of the HCUSD3 Community,

Students who have been quarantined by the Health Department may return to school on day 7 of the quarantine if they test negative on day 6 or 7 and remain symptom free. Per a recent update to IDPH guidance, **a rapid test performed by a school nurse is now acceptable** for this purpose (previously a PCR test was required). We are pleased that HCUSD3 schools are now able to offer BinaxNow rapid tests before school on day 7 for any student who has been quarantined by the Health Department. If the student is symptom free and tests negative, s/he will be allowed to return to school on day 7. Parents may also choose to obtain a PCR test from another source on or after day 6 to return to school the following day. Tests administered at home will not be accepted.

We are happy to be able to offer this service to get students back in school sooner without burdening families with having to access and/or pay for a PCR test.

Respectfully,

David E. Powell

The Hillsboro Community School District fosters a student-centered culture with high expectations for each student to reach his or her full potential.