



December 11, 2020

Dear Student and Parents,

Last week we received the following information from the Yakima Health District regarding the revised quarantine policy:

*“CDC currently recommends a quarantine period of 14 days. However, based on local circumstances and resources, the following options to shorten quarantine are acceptable alternatives.*

*o Quarantine can end after day 10 without testing and if no symptoms have been reporting during daily monitoring.*

*o When diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, then quarantine can end after day 7 if a diagnostic specimen tests negative and if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. The specimen may be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (day 5 or day 6), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than day 7. Testing for the purpose of earlier discontinuation of quarantine should be considered only if it will have no impact on community diagnostic testing. Testing of persons seeking evaluation for infection must be prioritized.*

*o With both options, the person should meet additional criteria of continued symptom monitoring and adherence to non-pharmaceutical interventions (current and consistent mask use, social distancing, hand and cough hygiene, environmental cleaning and disinfection, avoiding crowds, ensuring adequate indoor ventilation).*

*o Note that either of these options will give a small residual post-quarantine transmission risk.”*

**Based on this guidance we have been approved to allow your student back on campus for in-person instruction as early as Thursday, December 17th. If you wish to take advantage of this new seven-day quarantine option, we ask that you have your student take a regular or rapid test “within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation” (December 15 or 16th). If your student returns on the 17<sup>th</sup>, they will be on campus to take exams for periods 3-7. I would ask that you make arrangements with your period 1-2 teachers to plan make-up tests for these exams missed as a result of your December 16<sup>th</sup> quarantine. You can either take the make up exams on the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> with your instructor or schedule them to be done during exam make-up days with me on December 21-22.**

Please let us know if you have further questions. Your support through this has been greatly appreciated. We look forward to having this whole group back on campus.

Live Jesus in our Hearts,

Ted Kanelopoulos  
Principal