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The Warren County Department of Health has issued new guidelines now that the county is in the “Orange” category. According to the new guidelines, any individual who has come into close contact with someone showing symptoms must quarantine for two weeks or until the individual showing symptoms has received a negative COVID test.

This is a reminder to please keep your child home if they are sick or not feeling well. Also, siblings of a student who has symptoms and meet COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria will be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result. If the symptomatic individual tests positive, the sibling will need to self-quarantine. If someone in the household is being tested, your child must stay home until a negative result is received. Lastly, all absences need to be called into the school to report symptoms and date the symptoms started.

If your child **travels** to a restricted state they must quarantine for **10 days**. New Jersey has issued a travel advisory that asks anyone entering New Jersey from a state that has a significant degree of community-wide spread of COVID-19 to quarantine at home for **10 days** upon arrival.

The district’s goal is to remain open during the pandemic but we must work together to ensure we are able to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all. If your child comes to school showing symptoms, the district will have to quarantine **all** individuals who had close contact with your child. This not only includes students but all staff members as well. This could lead to the halt for in-person instruction if a significant number of school students and staff have been identified as needing to quarantine. We hope that this does not occur and can only urge everyone to follow all of the COVID-19 guidelines.

The link to the COVID-19 daily screening can be found on our website.