

A message from Supt Hocking

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At the Lisbon CSD School Board meeting on December 9th, Superintendent Hocking discussed the Return to Learn (R2L) plan and noted that the school's Covid numbers have gone down significantly in the last two weeks. A discussion took place regarding Linn County Public Health's direction of quarantining people who are wearing masks. Currently, LCPH guidance is that if you are within 6 feet of someone who is positive, masks do not matter as individuals would still have to quarantine. Superintendent Hocking recommends that we follow the Iowa Department of Public Health's direction, which says if you're within 6 feet of a positive case and wearing a mask, you don't have to quarantine. He made this recommendation as we feel this will better serve our students and will put a priority on wearing face masks. Parents would still be called if someone is in close contact with someone who tests positive, but under IDPH, individuals would not be required to quarantine. The board voted to move to follow the Iowa Department of Public Health's guidance on close contacts. It was also noted that our school district doesn't have the legal authority to quarantine, as this guidance comes directly from the public health organizations. The schools just communicate the decisions by public health officials to parents. Remember, this is only one layer of protocols that cause quarantines. For the latest quarantine info released on 12/4/2020, please [click here](#).

There have also been questions regarding the definition of what close contact and direct contact is for quarantine. For that information, please [click here](#). As stated earlier, Lisbon CSD will continue to implement the directions of public health officials.

Thank you for your continued support as we manage this difficult time.

Pat Hocking

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