

## **MSHSAA Position – Exposures and Quarantine – (December 8, 2021)**

- **New Guidance:** Due to a court ruling on November 22, 2021 that is now in effect, **it is the position of the Missouri State High School Activities Association that each school will have to make their own determination on contact tracing, close contact quarantines, and test to stay options under the direction of their board of education or control for participation in practice and interscholastic competitions.** It is our hope and desire that schools, and their boards, will continue using the practices that have allowed them to remain open and provide safe opportunities to students since the pandemic began.
- **Positive Tests:** The MSHSAA Covid Return To Play requirements and procedures for students that **test positive** for the COVID 19 virus still remain in place which mandates that students participating in interscholastic sports complete the return to play protocol. The quarantine period for a student **testing positive** will include 10 days of no practice or interscholastic competition. If the student is asymptomatic after the 10 days, they must be released by a physician before they begin the 5 stages of return to play. This is to ensure there are no post-infection issues relative to the heart after the student is released for physical activity.
- Member schools still have an obligation to one another to withhold students that are displaying signs and symptoms of the virus, and have not tested negative from interscholastic competition. It is the responsibility of each member school to protect their student athletes, and their opponents.