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Below are a few FAQ'S from the Montgomery County Office of Public Health with regard to the School Exclusion Guidelines, as of 1/3/22.

1. **How do we handle household close contacts?**
 - Household contacts should continue to be managed the same way as before, only applying the new guidance. So if a person has a household exposure, they should quarantine during the positive person's infectious period and then for an additional 5 days, with masking on days 6-10.

2. **What about returning to sports? Are we keeping them out for the previous isolation period?**
 - The new guidance doesn't differentiate when sports are involved, so it's fine to apply the new guidance to sports teams

3. **Can you give clarification on what we should do with household members, in terms of quarantine? We have families that their quarantine would be until 1/7 due to a positive in the household and I would need guidance on what to tell these families with the new guidelines.**
 - It's okay to apply the new guidance retroactively in terms of individuals already in quarantine, including household members

4. **Just verifying- if a member of a family is positive and cannot completely quarantine is quarantine for unvaccinated or non-boosted family members 5 days additional instead of 5-7 with a test on 5th day? They should still be tested on day 5 after exposure- is that correct?**
 - Testing is still recommended on Day 5 after exposure, for both household contacts and community contacts

5. **Fully vaccinated definition now includes the booster. It seems to mean that newly fully-vaccinated individuals (Pfizer/Moderna - within the last 6 months; J&J = within the last 2 months) would not need to quarantine without the booster. Anyone outside of the 6-month window without a booster would now need to quarantine. Correct?**

To be "fully vaccinated":

 - a. 2 weeks after 2nd dose of Pfizer/Moderna without booster in the last 6 months.
 - b. 2 weeks after dose of J&J without booster in the last 2 months.
 - c. Anyone beyond Pfizer/Moderna 6-month window WITH booster.
 - d. Anyone beyond J&J 2-month window WITH booster.
 - Your breakdown of vaccination status is correct. Individuals who are more than 6 months out from their second dose or 2 months out from J&J would need to quarantine if they have not received a booster shot