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Subject: [EXTERNAL] CDC new quarantine guidelines as of 12/2

The CDC established new guidelines for COVID quarantine(see attachment from CDC website). My 14 year old daughter has met all of the new requirements and upon contacting the Ravalli County Health department I was told that they are not following the new guidelines they have chosen to continue with the 14 day requirement even after multiple negative tests. This is my daughter's 4th quarantine after 6 close contacts she has either had the virus and recovered or she has an impressive immune system and is not going to get it. The health department will not accept an antibody test as proof she has had it and been asymptomatic. We are doing everything by the book and after 7 weeks of quarantine my daughter needs to go back to school. A negative test within 48 hours of the 7th day would allow her to go back to school. The CDC has stated the risk is 1% after a negative test at 7days. Ravalli County needs to get on board with the new guidelines otherwise people are going to choose not to test. I know many people currently that have chosen not to test for the quarantine reason. When a better option is offered by the CDC why not take it and possibly have more community compliance rather than less?

Thank you,
Alika Skaggs

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department if you need to quarantine.

CDC now recommends two additional options for how long quarantine should last. Based on local availability of viral testing, for people without symptoms quarantine can end:

- On day 10 without testing
- On day 7 after receiving a negative test result

After stopping quarantine, people should

- Watch for symptoms until 14 days after exposure.
- If they have symptoms, immediately self-isolate and contact their local public health authority or healthcare provider.

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