



Sept 18, 2020

Del Phillips III, PhD, Superintendent
Sumner County Schools
695 East Main Street
Gallatin, TN 37066

Dear Superintendent Phillips,

It has come to our attention that individuals who have been identified as close contacts to COVID-19 cases have been returning to schools in your district before the end of their quarantine periods. The Tennessee Department of Health requires that any person diagnosed with COVID-19 isolate at home for a minimum of ten days, including at least 24 hours fever-free with improving symptoms. TDH also requires that any close contact of a COVID-19 case, who does not hold a critical infrastructure designation, quarantine at home for 14 days.

Failure to abide by these guidelines may result in the formal issuance of a Health Directive to individuals or facilities that do not comply. Please ensure that public health guidance is being appropriately implemented in your school district. If you have questions, you may contact your local health department, or you may contact me directly.

Thank you for your cooperation and efforts to protect the health of your community.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Deidra D. Parrish".

Deidra D. Parrish, MD, MPH&TM
Regional Health Officer