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Quarantine for School Age Children

The Crawford County Health Department along with county school officials will now be offering the ten-day quarantine as an option for school age children. In December, the decision was made to remain with the 14-day quarantine as this is the recommended safest option for school age children. At that time, the vaccine had not yet become widely available, and our test positivity rate was at times above 8. Today we are in a much different place. Over 30% of the county is now fully vaccinated, and the vaccine continues to be widely available to those still seeking vaccination. The community transmission rates remain low, which is evidenced by our test positivity rate steadily remaining below 3. In addition, new data suggests that in school transmission risk remains low. The health department and county school officials remain an open line of communication and evaluate these factors and how it affects the children as well as the members of the community. The recommended safest option for school age children will remain 14 days, but the parents now will have the option to choose the 10-day quarantine for their children. If the shorter quarantine is chosen, those children must remain asymptomatic throughout the course of their quarantine and then be released on day 11. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.