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### COVID-19 Transition to Endemic Guidelines

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The SARS-CoV-2 virus is expected to continue to circulate in our communities and therefore, will be considered endemic. The transition of COVID-19 to an endemic disease is not a declaration of the end of the pandemic and does not minimize the continued importance of public health surveillance, investigation, and response activities. Currently, universal case investigation and contact tracing of all COVID-19 cases is no longer recommended nationally.

Therefore, effective April 1, 2022, the Osage County Health Department no longer recommends isolation, quarantine, or contact tracing for COVID-19 infections for the general public. In coordination with local government, investigations may be conducted by local public health for vulnerable populations and in circumstances where it may be warranted.

**Childcare and School :** Those with flu-like illness should stay home for at least 24 hours after they no longer have a fever, or signs of a fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines. Decisions about extending the exclusion period should be made in accordance with the facility/school's current contagious and communicable conditions policy.

This policy is effective as of Friday, April 1, 2022. If you have questions regarding current guidelines, please contact our office at 573-897-3103.

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