

Arkansas is loosening restrictions for when schoolkids must go into quarantine after coming in contact with someone infected with COVID-19. Governor Asa Hutchinson announced today (Tues) the distance is being reduced to three feet. He said it's an effort to keep kids from being unnecessarily required to stay home. Cabot School Superintendent Tony Thurman worked with the governor on the change and praised the action.

News18 0:20 "...to be home."

Health Secretary Dr. Jose Romero said results of the change will be carefully monitored.

News19 0:19 "...distance for quarantining."

Romero said he expects a vaccine to be approved by early next month for kids ages five through 11, which will be very beneficial. Meanwhile today the state reported another decline in active cases of COVID-19. The number declined by nearly a hundred since yesterday, according to the Department of Health. 19 deaths were also reported.