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Dear Parents, Guardians and Staff,

The NYS Department of Health (NYSDOH) has reviewed recent updates by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) regarding quarantine (for exposed individuals) and isolation (for infected individuals). NYSDOH has provided the following clarification to assist school leadership in continuing to provide in-person instruction.

Effective immediately, the District will adhere to the following new guidelines:

Quarantine (for Individuals who are exposed to someone with COVID-19)

- a. In-classroom activities: All fully vaccinated* individuals (students, teachers, and staff), who have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 may continue to attend or work at schools, regardless of booster status, while quarantined outside of school. Continued attendance applies only to participation in classroom activities and taking the bus to and from school.

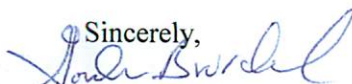
*Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after the receipt of either two doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine or one dose of Johnson and Johnson or full course of any other recognized vaccine.

- b. Extracurricular or after school activities: Individuals 12 years and older who are eligible for a booster but not boosted, and who have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19, cannot participate in extracurricular or after school activities and, aside from school attendance for instruction and bus travel, must adhere to a 5-day quarantine at home. Fully vaccinated 5-11-year old children are not eligible for a booster and have no further restrictions.
- c. Students, teachers, and staff who are not vaccinated or have not completed a primary vaccine series who came into close contact with someone with COVID-19 should quarantine for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after their last close contact. These individuals could be eligible for Test to Stay programs that would allow them to stay in the school setting during the quarantine period. Outside the school setting, quarantine recommendations would apply.

Isolation: Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days (regardless of vaccination status). If symptoms persist, further isolation will be required; otherwise, they may attend or work at school after the 5-day isolation.

Individuals who are unable to wear a well-fitting mask for 5 days after a 5-day isolation should follow standard 10 days isolation guidance.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's school nurse.

Sincerely,

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