



## CENTRAL SQUARE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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December 31, 2020

Dear Parents/Guardians,

We were notified this morning that a staff member at Central Square Middle School has tested positive for COVID-19. The staff member was not at school during any part of the staff member's contagious period so **no** students or staff members were at risk of exposure.

We have been contacted daily by the Onondaga County and Oswego County Health Departments informing us not only of all students and staff that have tested positive for COVID-19, but also all of the students and staff that they have deemed "close contacts" that require a quarantine. **Just recently, the New York State Health Department has changed their quarantine guidelines.** Previously, someone considered to be a "close contact" by the Health Department was required to quarantine for a total of 14 days from their last exposure to someone that tested positive for COVID-19. **Moving forward, as long as the person being quarantined is symptom free during their first ten days of quarantine, they can return to work and school the next day (without a COVID-19 negative test) with continued symptom monitoring and masking through Day 14,** as seen here, <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/more/scientific-brief-options-to-reduce-quarantine.html>.

The New York State Health Department has now aligned their quarantine guidelines to the CDC's quarantine guidelines (seen in the link above). The announcement from the NYS Health Department in its entirety explaining this change is seen in the following link, [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PMw\\_ltxyfbs0q9rflYIu4UEuu0XDIsIc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1PMw_ltxyfbs0q9rflYIu4UEuu0XDIsIc/view?usp=sharing).

We were told to expect several more COVID-19 cases and mandatory quarantines over the next two weeks following our holiday recess. We will continue to inform all of the parents/guardians of all COVID-19 cases that take place in their child's school. At any time, anyone can see all of the COVID-19 cases District-wide by viewing the following page located on our District Website, <https://www.cssd.org/Page/443> (and then scroll down to see all of the updates). You can also view our COVID-19 cases by individual schools by clicking on the following link and typing "Central Square CSD" in the text box and pressing the search button, <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>, which were last updated by the State on 12-23-2020 and they will update again on 1-4-2021.

We hope you are able to enjoy your family time over this holiday season.

Sincerely,

Thomas J. Colabufio  
Superintendent