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**REVISED NYSDOH GUIDANCE FOR MANDATORY ISOLATIONS AND QUARANTINES - EFFECTIVE 1/5/22**

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) made some significant revisions yesterday (1/5/2022) to their mandatory isolation and quarantine guidelines for everyone, which includes all students and staff members that meet the criteria, seen below. Since the NYSDOH made this change yesterday, and NYS school districts were notified this morning, we are contacting all staff members currently in quarantine because they are either close contacts to a person with COVID-19 or because they are positive with COVID-19, and informing them that they are now eligible to return to work if they meet the criteria, listed below. Unfortunately, due to the large number of students currently out on their mandated quarantine/isolation, we will not be able to notify every parent/guardian informing them of their child's new end of quarantine/isolation date.

We are asking all parents/guardians with children in quarantine/isolation to please make sure that their child completes five days of their quarantine/isolation and meets the criteria listed below to return on what would have been their 6<sup>th</sup> day at home. If your child is currently out on quarantine, you can contact your child's school nurse if you have questions about this change to the isolation/quarantine guidance.

**QUARANTINES:**

Anyone that is not fully vaccinated and exposed to a positive person is in quarantine for 5 days from their last exposure to that positive person. (The exposure day counts as "day 0," then after the 5<sup>th</sup> day of quarantine/isolation, they may return to school assuming the following:

- They do not develop [COVID-19 symptoms](#)
- Ideally, they would have a negative test, but if they cannot get a test, it is not required.

If a quarantined person develops symptoms, they should be tested immediately. If negative, they may still return after 5 days. **There is no requirement to show or prove the negative test.** After 5 days, we will not prevent someone from returning to school. Once they are here, if we notice symptoms, we will then have to test in school, or send home until they provide a negative test.

**ISOLATIONS:**

Anyone that tests positive for COVID-19 is in isolation for 5 days (Day 0 is their first day of symptoms or the day of the positive test for asymptomatic people, then after their 5<sup>th</sup> day of quarantine is completed, they may return to school assuming the following:

- They have been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication.
- Other symptoms have improved (does not include loss of taste or smell. This may continue for some time and does not need to have reduced).

As always, when the District receives updated COVID-19 guidance from the NYSDOH and the local health departments, we will continue to communicate those changes/updates with you.

Sincerely,

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