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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are in receipt of the New Jersey Department of Health's latest recommendations for COVID Isolation and Quarantine. We reviewed these recommendations in corroboration with the Westfield Department of Health, the local Borough nurse, the District nurses, and District administration to determine the best practices to follow in order to maintain the same level of safety and protection in the District. As a result, we will practice the following guidelines. These guidelines will take effect on Tuesday, 1/18/22.

Quarantine for Students Exposed to Someone With COVID

The guidelines for Quarantine have been significantly modified.

1. Any student who has close contact (less than 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) may need to quarantine.
 - a. Quarantine if:
 - i. You have not received 2 doses of a vaccine
 - b. No quarantine is necessary if:
 - i. You have received 2 doses of a vaccine (and are at least 14 days removed from your second dose), or
 - ii. You had a confirmed case of COVID (positive viral test) within the last 90 days.

During quarantine, you must stay home for at least 5 days (day 0 through 5) after the last close contact with a person who has COVID. If you develop symptoms, you must get tested and follow the Isolation guidelines below. If you have no symptoms (are asymptomatic) you can end quarantine on the 5th day and return to school on the 6th day, as long as there were no COVID symptoms at all on any day during the 5-day period. Individuals should continue to closely monitor between days 6 and 10 to ensure symptoms do not develop. A test is recommended 5 days post exposure.

If your child is home as a result of quarantine, you will be provided with Zoom access to your child's classes.

Isolation for Persons Who Test Positive or Have Symptoms

The practice for positive students will remain the same as the current District practice. It is still possible for students to spread COVID on days 6 through 10 and, in order to maintain the safest environment for all staff and students, the following are the District guidelines.

1. All students who either test positive or who have symptoms of COVID (including those persons waiting for test results or who have not been tested), regardless of vaccination status, should isolate for at least 10 full days. Day 0 is the first day of symptoms.
 - a. If on the 11th day, symptoms have resolved (fever-free for 24 hours and other symptoms improve), isolation can end.
 - b. If on the 11th day, symptoms persist (fever or other symptoms have not improved) continue to isolate until fever free for 24 hours and other symptoms have improved.

2. All students who test positive for COVID but have no symptoms should stay home and isolate from other people for at least 10 full days (day 0 is the day of the positive test-meaning the day tested and not the day the result was received).
 - a. If no symptoms develop, isolation can end after 10 full days (i.e. on day 11).
 - b. If symptoms develop within one week (7 days) of the positive test, the 10-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms. Then follow number 1 above to determine the end of isolation.

We encourage all eligible students to receive a COVID booster. For anyone who receives a booster, please let the District know as soon as possible by updating the COVID-19 Vaccination Card Form on the [website](#).

Please utilize the [District student flow charts](#) to view these Isolation/Quarantine guidelines in a visual format.

If your child is home as a result of isolation, you will be provided with Zoom access to your child's classes.

Continuing Practices

Additionally, the District will continue to be guided by the following:

1. Please make sure that you are wearing a well-fitted mask while in the school building.
2. If you are not comfortable with your child having lunch in school, as we indicated in the beginning of the year, please contact your building principal to schedule pick up of your child for lunch. Please return your child in a timely fashion for the remainder of the school day.
3. If your child is out for reasons other than COVID related matters, they will have access to Google classroom for their assignments.
4. If your child and/or any member of your immediate household is immunocompromised, and we are not already aware of this situation, please contact your building principal to discuss this matter.
5. It is important as a school community that we remain vigilant after school with respect to choices of activities and play for your children. Recognize that your actions can have ramifications for others.
6. Please note, in the event we are unable to properly staff a classroom or a school building, remote access may be deemed necessary. Communication regarding these

matters may need to be made promptly and will be communicated directly from the building principal and district.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Have a nice holiday weekend.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Miceli, Ed.D." in a cursive style.

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