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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Oneida County Health Department met with superintendents on January 11, 2022 to discuss their newly released guidance regarding isolation and quarantine requirements.

This new guidance may be found, [HERE](#).

- Who needs to **quarantine**
 - What to do if quarantined
 - If you develop symptoms
 - If you do not develop symptoms
- Who needs to **isolate**
 - What to do for isolation
- **Definitions**
 - Close Contact
 - Exposure
 - Isolation
 - Quarantine

Under this new guidance, Oneida County Health Department precautionary quarantines and isolation orders have been reduced from ten days to five days with the following requirements:

Five Day Quarantine

- The individual must not develop symptoms in order to be released from quarantine after day five.
- The date of exposure is considered day 0.
- When around others at home and in public, a well-fitting mask must continue to be worn for five additional days after the initial five-day quarantine period.
- If symptoms develop, the individual must get tested immediately and isolate until test results are known. If the individual tests positive, isolation requirements must be followed.

Five Day Isolation

- The individual must be asymptomatic, or if mild symptoms were present, must be fever free for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicine, not have a runny nose and have no more than a minimal, non-productive cough in order to be released from isolation after five days.
- When around others at home and in public, a well-fitting mask must continue to be worn for five additional days after the initial five-day isolation period.
- If a fever or other symptoms have not improved after 5 days of isolation, the isolation period will be extended.

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Please note that this new guidance and information could change at any time pending New York State Department of Health updates.

Additionally, our recently approved Test to Stay program will still be implemented, with parental permission, to help keep students in school that are placed on a five-day precautionary quarantine due to an exposure at school or on the school bus. **This changes from the recently and previously released seven-day window requirement for Test to Stay.**

Test to Stay information can be found on our District Website under the **DISTRICT NEWS** section of our or from the following links listed below:

[Test to Stay Approval Letter](#)

[Test to Stay Plan](#)

[Test to Stay Consent Form](#) (please note: the seven-day testing window reflected in the consent form is now a five-day testing window with the follow regimen:)

Possible Testing Schedule		
Day of First Test	Day of Second Test	Day of Third Test
0	3	5
1	4 or 5	N/A
2	4 or 5	N/A
3	5	N/A
4	N/A	N/A

As always, please be sure to keep your child home if they are exhibiting any symptoms of illness and call the school nurse.

Please remember that positive home test results must be reported to the school nurse and the Oneida County Health Department.

As changes from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the Oneida County Department of Health (OCDOH) continue to change with updates, you may have some questions.

We are here for you to answer questions and help in any way we can. We will continue to keep you updated with important information as it becomes known.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, families and community.

Sincerely,

Timothy Gaffney
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