

Dear Wellsville Families,

New York State has reduced quarantine times and has made changes to contact tracing for students while at school.

Effective immediately:

If a student tests positive for COVID-19:

- Report it to the school at <https://forms.gle/vnd9ngjeYYuR21b46>.
- Report it to the Allegany County Department of Health at <https://hipaa.jotform.com/220054845953155> if it is an at-home rapid test.
- The student will need to quarantine for a minimum of five days, regardless of vaccination status. Day 1 is the first day after the test was taken.
- If the student is **symptom free** at the end of day 5, they will be able to return to school on day 6.
- If the student is **still symptomatic****, they will need to quarantine for an additional 5 days, returning to school on the 11th day.

For example: Student tests positive on January 10, 2022, day 1 is considered January 11, day 5 is considered January 15, if asymptomatic, the student can return to school on January 16, 2022.

If a student lives in a household with a positive COVID-19 case:

- Report it to the school at <https://forms.gle/vnd9ngjeYYuR21b46>.
- If the student(s) is(are) fully vaccinated* and showing no symptoms, the student(s) is(are) able to come to school.
- If the student is **not** fully vaccinated, regardless of symptoms, they will need to be quarantined for 10 days, day 1 being the day after testing of the individual with the positive result.
- The District will reach out to the family to inform them of the student's return date (it is imperative to report it to the school for this reason).

If a student is considered a close contact* or exposed to a positive COVID-19 case:**

- Report it to the school at <https://forms.gle/vnd9ngjeYYuR21b46>.
- Families/students will be notified by the positive case, as promoted by NYS Department of Health.
- If a student is fully vaccinated and showing no symptoms, they will be able to come to school.
- If the student is **not** fully vaccinated, they will need to be quarantined for 5 days, day one is the day after the last day of exposure to the positive case.
- The District will reach out to the family to inform them of the student's return date.

Other items:

- We will be implementing “test to stay” which is *only an option if the District puts the student on a close contact list*, we will be in touch with those families at that time. This will allow unvaccinated students to remain in school if they are not showing symptoms of COVID-19** and they test negative.
- There are other restrictions with regard to defining fully vaccinated when considering after-school activities, including sports, that the District will address with the student and families as those cases arise.

***Fully Vaccinated” Defined:**

The CDC defines fully vaccinated as two weeks following the second dose of the Moderna or the Pfizer vaccine, or two weeks following the single dose of the Johnson and Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

****Current COVID-19 Symptoms:**


- Fever, chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath, difficulty breathing
- Fatigue, body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat, congestion, runny nose
- Nausea, vomiting, Diarrhea

*****Close Contact Defined:**

Less than 6ft proximity for greater than 15 minutes in 24 hours

Thank you in advance for helping us keep our students, faculty and staff safe. We are all in this together. As always, continue to keep your child home if they are not feeling well.

Most sincerely,



David Foster
Superintendent