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Re: COVID-19 Return to School Protocol for Students

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we complete the first full week of school the Board of Education and administrative staff offer our sincere thanks to everyone who positively contributed to our successful opening of the 2020-21 school year. We recognize that these are unsettling times and the most unusual opening we have ever experienced in K-12 public education.

Over the past week we have had the opportunity to solidify our COVID-19 return to school protocol for students, which is based, in part on guidance from various sources. They are as follows:

I - If the student is COVID-19 symptomatic - either sent home from school by the school nurse, or based on information provided by a parent/guardian:

A - The student will need to be seen by a healthcare provider and

B - The student will need to be COVID-19 tested and

C - If the COVID-19 test is negative, in order to return to school, the parent/guardian is required to provide the District with:

- A copy of the negative test results, and
- Documentation from the healthcare provider clearly indicating clearance to return to school.

II - If the student has had close contact with anyone who has a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days - Close contact is defined as within 6 feet of the individual for at least 10 minutes without wearing a mask.

A - The student must quarantine for 14 days.

B - If the student becomes COVID-19 symptomatic refer to section I.

III - If the student has traveled to a travel advisory state, as determined by NYS, or to an area outside the United States:

A - The student must quarantine for 14 days.

B - If the student becomes COVID-19 symptomatic refer to section I.

IV - If a student tests positive for COVID-19:

A – Obtain a release from isolation from the Suffolk County Department of Health, and

B – Provide the District with documentation from the healthcare provider clearly indicating clearance to return to school.

Please note: Regarding the quarantine timing of “**last date of contact**” it is defined as the last time the student was in contact with a person suspected of being positive (not the first day) and the last day they were in a travel advisory locale.

We thank you for your anticipated cooperation, patience and understanding as we continue to try to keep our school environment as safe and healthy as possible in order to continue to provide students with in-person instruction.

Should you have questions regarding these procedures, please feel free to contact your child’s school nurse or building administrators.

Stay Informed ~ Stay Safe ~ Stay Positive.

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