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Dear Families:

We understand that the quarantining requirements are difficult on both families and staff, but the goal is to limit the spread of COVID-19 within the schools so that we don't need to close classrooms. Please understand that the quarantine requirements change when the regional infection rate changes (red, orange, yellow, green). For example, last week our region was in orange, and now we are back in yellow.

The district is following CDC and New Jersey Department of Health guidelines. Please note the following protocols:

### **Symptomatic Students and Household Members**

#### **If a student has COVID-compatible symptoms and is being tested:**

- The student should NOT attend school while awaiting results.

#### **If a student has COVID-compatible symptoms and is NOT being tested:**

- The student should NOT attend school and must quarantine for 10 days.

**If a student lives with a household member who has symptoms (for example, a sibling or parent) that meets the COVID-19 Exclusion Criteria:**

- The student should NOT attend school while the symptomatic household member is waiting COVID test results. The student should be excluded from school until the symptomatic individual receives a negative test result;

OR

- If the symptomatic individual does not get a test, the student should stay home for the quarantine period. See the next section for quarantine periods.

OR

- If the symptomatic individual tests positive, all members of that household will need to quarantine as well. See the next section for quarantine periods.

### Quarantine Periods & Close Contacts

When our region is in “yellow”:

- **Students are required to quarantine for 10 days if they are considered a close contact.** This 10-day quarantine begins the day after their last physical contact with the COVID-positive person.
- **Students who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days from the day their symptoms started.** If they were asymptomatic, their 10-day quarantine starts the day they gave their sample for the test.

When our region is in “orange”:

- **Students are required to quarantine for 14 days if they are considered a close contact.** This 14-day quarantine begins the day after their last physical contact with the COVID-positive person.
- **Students who test positive for COVID-19 must quarantine for 10 days from the day their symptoms started.** If they were asymptomatic, their 10-day quarantine starts the day they gave their sample for the test.

Our goal is to keep classrooms open, students and staff healthy, and minimize as much potential exposure as possible. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation, patience, and support to keep our school and community safe.