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The NJDOH updated their quarantine guidance on Monday, January 10th, January 12th, and again this morning. The full document, which will be updated regularly by the NJDOH, can be found by clicking [here](#). Below are a few key points of information found in the site and highlighted links to more information

- Students who are identified as unvaccinated close contacts, have tested positive for COVID-19, or who have [COVID-19 compatible symptoms](#) must quarantine for five (5) days. The first day of symptom onset, the day they were identified as an unvaccinated close contact, or the day they took the COVID-19 test (for asymptomatic individuals) all count as day zero (0).
- When students have completed the 5-day quarantine period and are symptom free for 24 hours, they may return to school on Day 6 of their quarantine period. On days 6-10 of this sequence students must continue to wear a [well-fitting mask](#) throughout the school day, as all students are required to do.
- NJDOH and the CDC recommend an isolation period of at least 10 and up to 20 days for people who were severely ill with COVID-19 and for people with weakened immune systems.
- The NJDOH also has updated their guidance for what it means to be [“fully vaccinated”](#) as it pertains to close contacts. Now all individuals who have received their booster (if eligible) and who have completed the required vaccination schedule, are now considered “fully vaccinated”. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 within the last three months are also exempt from quarantine. In order to be exempt from quarantine, you must be “fully vaccinated”, without symptoms, and without a positive COVID-19 test result.
- Household contacts who can't isolate away from a household member with COVID-19 from days 0-5, should start their own 5 day quarantine period on the day after (day 6) the household member would have completed their isolation period. They may then return on Day 11.

Please read through the entire NJDOH guidance, the above are just some of the information that can be found in the document. We will be following the above stated guidance in its entirety. The administrators and/or school nurse will discuss individual issues as it relates to the new guidance. Please remember, if your child is not feeling well, please keep them home and get them tested if their symptoms do not subside.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself or Mrs. Block. Thank you.

Dave Astor