

April 9, 2021

Dear Farmingdale Families,

I hope you had a restful Spring Break and great first week back! The NJ Department of Health (NJDOH) has issued some new guidelines regarding quarantine timeframes for close contacts of a positive case that we wanted to share with you. While 14 day quarantines are still the preferred time frame, the CDC and NJDOH have recently outlined shortened quarantine options based on the Regional CALI Score (see below). We are currently in the “high risk” or “orange” level in Monmouth County and across the entire state.

**Minimum Quarantine Timeframes by COVID-19 Regional Transmission Risk Level (CALI Score)<sup>2</sup>**

Low Risk	Moderate Risk	High Risk	Very High Risk
<i>14 days is always preferred as the best way to prevent COVID-19 transmission.</i>			
10 days without testing  OR  7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days	10 days without testing  OR  7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days	14 days for group settings and organized activities  14 days for individuals unless it causes <u>significant economic or other hardship</u>  <b>ONLY IF 14 days is not feasible, follow</b>  10 days without testing  OR  7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days	14 days for group settings and organized activities  14 days for individuals unless it causes <u>significant economic or other hardship</u>  <b>ONLY IF 14 days is not feasible, follow</b>  10 days without testing  OR  7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days

Beginning Monday, April 12, 2021, Farmingdale School District will begin **offering** the following reduced quarantine options for significant economic or other hardship situations:

- **10 full days without PCR testing** from last contact with the positive individual and continued symptom checking until day 14  
OR
- **7 full days with a negative PCR test result collected at 5-7 days** from last contact with the positive individual and continued symptom checking until day 14; *proper documentation (ex. Negative lab results) must be provided to Mrs. Kokolus prior to entering the building*

Please continue to email Mrs. Kokolus at [katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com](mailto:katy.kokolus@farmingdaleschool.com) with any quarantine questions and notify her of any positive household cases so she can assist you with remote learning and contact tracing. As a reminder, teachers in **grades PreK-4** will need 24 hours to gather materials and will reach out to the parent/guardian to set up a contactless pick up. Your student will receive an excused absence for the missed day, but will be marked present for the days he/she participates in remote learning following the absence. Our **5th-8th grade students** can start remote learning the next available school day by logging into their homeroom morning meeting. If any materials need to be picked up, the teacher will be in contact with you. In addition, if you require a device at home for remote learning, please notify the main office so we can have one ready for pick up.

Thank you for continuing to remain diligent and partnering with us to keep our school community safe.

In education,  
Mrs. Edith Conroy  
Superintendent