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Dear Farmingdale Families,

As you are aware, Covid cases across the state have been steadily increasing. According to the NJDOH CALI report the entire county is currently in the orange (high risk) category. In addition, Farmingdale School has also seen an uptick in positive Covid cases. (Please see the website for weekly updated numbers).

We wanted to send this letter for you to keep and use as a reference of our current district Covid protocol. It can also be found on our school website.

1. Please continue to monitor daily for Covid compatible symptoms.
2. If your student has had a known exposure in the past 5 days AND becomes symptomatic, a negative PCR test is required to return to school.
3. If your student does not have a known exposure in the past 5 days and has an alternative diagnosis from a medical professional, the student may come to school as long as they are fever free and without vomiting or diarrhea for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.

#### **Student tests POSITIVE for COVID-19**

The student **must isolate** for at least 5 days.

- Day 0 is the day symptoms began or the date of a positive test if no symptoms.
- The student may return to school on the 6th day, however, they **MUST** be fever free without fever-reducing medication for at least 24 hours and symptoms must be improving. In addition, the student **must** wear a well-fitted mask at all times except while eating or drinking and distanced 6 feet from others from days 6-10.
- If the student's symptoms have not improved as of day 5, please keep them home and notify the school nurse.

#### **Student is determined to be a CLOSE CONTACT to a Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Case (outside of the school setting, ex. Household close contact)**

**The close contact does not have to quarantine if the student:**

- is fully vaccinated and has no symptoms, **or**
- tested positive for COVID-19 on a viral test and clinically recovered from COVID-19 within the past 90 days

If the student does not meet the above criteria, he/she **must quarantine for 5 days** after the last exposure to the confirmed positive case.

- Day 0 is the last day of close contact to the confirmed positive case.
- The student will be permitted to return to school after satisfying the quarantine requirement outlined above provided they do not become symptomatic or test positive for COVID-19 during their quarantine.
- It is recommended to have a PCR test on day 4-5 after last contact. If you choose not to do testing, it is recommended to wear a mask through day 10.
- If the student becomes **symptomatic** or **tests positive for COVID-19** during the quarantine, the student must **isolate** and notify the school nurse to inform the school of your student's status.

*In school, close contacts are not required to quarantine unless they become symptomatic.*

Thank you for continuing to partner with us to keep everyone healthy.  
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