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Dear Margaret Mace Families:

I hope this letter finds you well as we navigate these trying times. Recently the CDC and the New Jersey Department of Health updated their guidelines for quarantine times for COVID-positive and exposed individuals. Margaret Mace Elementary School will be implementing new procedures related to quarantine and isolation of COVID-19 exposures based on this guidance. The changes in the new guidelines allow students or staff members who have been exposed to COVID-19 or positive for COVID-19 to return to school on day 6 of their quarantine within the following strict requirements:

- The family can assure that the student is not in contact with a household member that is positive for COVID-19 and is currently isolating and stays home and away from other people for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5) after the last close contact with a person who has COVID-19. The date of the exposure is considered day 0.
- The student is symptom-free of any COVID like symptoms.
- If students return to school between days 6 and 10 of their quarantine, they will adequately wear masks both in and outdoors except during lunch in a designated area.
- Students will be separated from their peers during lunch while not wearing a mask. These students will remain in the cafeteria but at a different table.

The district will begin this practice for students reported as exposed or positive for COVID-19 as of January 18, 2022. If your child is currently on an extended quarantine or isolation, they will be allowed to return on January 18, 2022, if they have completed their five full days of isolation and are free of any COVID-like symptoms. An isolation/quarantine chart has been included in this email.

The full recommended COVID-19 isolation and quarantine timeframes for non-healthcare settings can be found at this link:

https://www.state.nj.us/health/cd/documents/topics/NCOV/isolation_quarantine_nonhealthcare.pdf

Thank you for your ongoing cooperation and support.

Sincerely:
Christopher Armstrong
Superintendent
North Wildwood School District



NORTH WILDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 GUIDANCE

Did you test positive for COVID-19?

YES

STAY HOME

- 1) 5 Full days from start of symptoms (day 0) OR
- 2) 5 full days from the positive test result (day 0)
- 3) Return to school/work on day 6 asymptomatic

Are you experiencing COVID-19 like symptoms?

YES

STAY HOME

- 1) 5 Full days from the start of symptoms (day 0)
- 2) Return to school/work on Day 6 without symptoms

Are you a close contact?

YES

Exempt from Quarantine:

- 1) 18 years and older-full primary COVID-19 vaccine series WITH booster OR
- 2) 5-17 years-full primary COVID-19 vaccine series
- 3) Positive COVID with last 90 days

Quarantine for 5 full days:

- 1) Not vaccinated OR
- 2) 18 years or older WITHOUT booster (if eligible)

DEFINITIONS

SYMPTOMS:

- At least TWO of the following symptoms: fever, chills, shivers, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, runny nose; OR
- At least ONE of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste and/or smell.

VACCINE SERIES:

- 2 Pfizer or Moderna OR 1 Johnson and Johnson

CLOSE CONTACT:

- Anyone (masked or unmasked) who spent 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period and was within 6 feet of a person infected with COVID-19. This definition excludes students who are within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student while in a classroom setting and properly masked.

DAY 0:

- Day symptoms begin or day of Positive test