

Hastings-on-Hudson Public Schools



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Dear Hasting Families and Staff,

I am pleased to report an immediate change in our **quarantine procedure** for students and staff. Based on guidance from the Westchester County Department of Health (November 12, 2021), and since reviewed by our nursing staff and medical advisors, the following procedure will take immediate effect.

If deemed to have been in close contact with a confirmed positive case of COVID-19, individuals may get a PCR COVID-19 test on day five of their quarantine. If the results are negative, the individual would be released from quarantine on day seven and immediately able to return to school. To be clear, the return to school may not occur prior to day seven. The individual would have to be asymptomatic on day seven, and should continue to monitor for COVID-19 symptoms for 14 days. The negative PCR test result must be provided to the relevant school nurse.

Unchanged from before is that students and staff who are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic are not required to quarantine when exposed to a confirmed positive case of COVID-19. The quarantine exception for asymptomatic individuals applies as well to students ages 5-11, who are now eligible for vaccination.

Please be in touch with your school nurse if you have questions.

Be well.

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