



May 3, 2021

Dear Staff & Families,

I have good news to share. In view of dropping numbers of COVID-19 cases locally and statewide, the Newtown School District will be moving from a 10-day quarantine requirement following direct COVID exposure, to a 7- day quarantine period for asymptomatic people with a negative test on day 5 or later, after a COVID exposure. The new protocol will be **effective immediately**.

After consultation with the Newtown Health Director and School District Medical Advisor, and based on guidance from the CT Department of Public Health the quarantine period was changed. The 7-day quarantine with a negative test on day 5 or later aligns with current CDC requirements. Individuals who choose not to be tested will need to complete a full 10-day quarantine before returning to school.

Any staff or student who will be returning to school after 7 days of quarantine for COVID exposure will need to present documentation of a negative COVID-19 antigen or PCR test before reentry. The documentation should be emailed, faxed, or presented to your school nurse.

The waiting period for return to play for interscholastic athletes who are exposed to COVID will remain at 10 days with a negative test on day 8, or 14 days without testing.

Newtown continues to follow guidelines from DPH: [DPH: Addendum 5](#) and CDC: [When to quarantine](#)

Please note that there may be individual circumstances where a longer quarantine period continues to be necessary, as in the case of multiple positive cases in a family.

Please feel free to call me with any questions that you may have about this change in school protocol.

Warm regards,
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