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NEW SCSD COVID ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS

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Parents, Guardians, Employees and Students,

Happy New Year! The PA Department of Health has provided new guidance to schools related to Isolation and Quarantine Protocols for Covid-19. While this guidance may change in the near future, it will be the guidance that is used by the Susquehanna Comm. School District from today (01/05/2021) until new or revised guidance becomes available. The following protocols will be followed by the district for positive cases and for close contacts of positive cases:

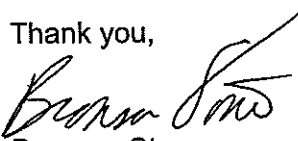
- I. Student or Employee Tests Positive for Covid-19: Please notify the school's nurse's office of the positive test result. The student or employee must isolate for five (5) days from the date of symptom onset or positive test result. If after five days, the person is asymptomatic or has resolving symptoms, the isolation period is over. **The individual must be fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications for isolation to end.** The individual must wear a mask for the next five days in all school settings, inclusive of athletics, recess and physical education.
- II. Student or Employee is Identified as a School-Based Close Contact:
 - A. The student or employee is either unvaccinated or has had their final vaccination more than six months ago or more than two months ago for the J&J/Janssen vaccine and did **NOT** receive a booster shot:
 1. The student or employee must quarantine for five days. If the individual does not develop any symptoms, the student or employee may return to school but must wear a mask for an additional five days in all school settings, inclusive of athletics and physical education. It is strongly recommended that the individual receive a Covid-19 test on Day #5 post-exposure.
 2. If the student or employee develops symptoms of Covid-19 during any point between exposure and Day #10 post-exposure, the student should receive a Covid-19 test. Symptomatic students or employees may not return to school until their symptoms are resolving and they are **fever free for at least 24 hours without the aid of fever-reducing medications.**

3. If the student or employee is a close contact due to a home-based exposure, please call your child's school nurse's office for the proper quarantine procedures.
- B. The student or employee is fully vaccinated **and** has received a booster vaccination or has had a diagnosed case of Covid-19 within the last 90 days of the date of exposure:
1. The student or employee DOES NOT need to quarantine but must wear a mask for 10 days in all school settings, inclusive of athletics, recess and physical education classes.
 2. If the student or employee develops Covid-19 symptoms, the individual must quarantine and should be tested.

***Students and employees who are participating in the Test To Stay Program would not have to follow the quarantine requirements if they were identified as a school-based close contact. If you have not signed up for this program, please sign up for the program using the information provided on the district's website (www.scschools.org).**

Please understand that while some of these protocols discuss masking for five (5) days, the district's Health and Safety Plan requires all individuals to wear masks in school while Susquehanna County is in the HIGH PHASE of Covid-19 transmission. Also, federal law requires all individuals to wear masks while using all district-sponsored transportation. The Pennsylvania Department of Health protocols for close contacts and positive cases is constantly evolving. I expect there to be many changes in this guidance as we learn more about the Omicron variant. On behalf of the school district, I appreciate your support and patience as we attempt to provide your child with the safest learning environment possible.

Thank you,


Bronson Stone,
Superintendent of Schools