NEW TIMELINE FOR COVID POSITIVE & COVID EXPOSURE

The CDC, New York State DOH, and the Erie County DOH provided new guidance for individuals who have either tested positive for COVID-19, or who have been identified as a close contact of a COVID positive individual.

This new guidance and timeline is effective immediately and can be reviewed by clicking here.

INDIVIDUALS WHO TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

- must isolate for 5 days
- if symptoms are resolving, then the individual may return to school on day 6*

*Day 0 is the first day of symptom onset. If asymptomatic, day 0 is the day of the positive test.

These individuals must wear a well-fitting mask and maintain physical distancing at school.

UPDATED DEFINITION OF FULLY VACCINATED

- Ages 5-17 who have completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines (two shots)
- Ages 18 and older with all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters.
  - When is a booster needed to be considered fully vaccinated?
    - Moderna - 6 months after primary series
    - Pfizer - 5 months after primary series
    - Johnson & Johnson - 2 months after single series

INDIVIDUALS EXPOSED TO COVID-19

FULLY VACCINATED
- do not have to quarantine
- the booster must have been received at least 2 weeks before the first date of exposure
- if symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5

ALL OTHERS
- must quarantine for 5 days
- if symptoms appear, testing is recommended on day 5
- if no symptoms, the individual may return to school on day 6

REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION TO RETURN TO SCHOOL AFTER 5 DAYS

Complete the isolation or quarantine affirmation located on the Erie County Department of Health's Website: https://www2.erie.gov/health/sites/www2.erie.gov.health/files/uploads/pdfs/IsolationAffirmationECDOH.pdf