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Oradell Public School District

*Our children,
our hope,
our future*

December 22, 2021

Dear OPS Community Members,

We know COVID-19 has been on our minds this week as we head into break. As of the writing of this letter, statistics below represent OPS's COVID data since September:

- Between students and staff, approximately 900 individuals are in OPS on an average day. Of those 900 individuals, 94% of staff members are vaccinated, and we have vaccination proof for 8% of our student population. (If you would like to share proof of vaccination with the school, you can email a copy of your child's vaccination card or vaccination report from the doctor to nurse@oradellschool.org.)
- We have had 29 cases of COVID-19 this school year (1 staff member and 28 students). Of those 29 cases:
 - 21 cases were the result of household exposure. (Of these cases, 11 students were already in quarantine for a long enough period of time before they tested positive and there was no risk of in-school exposure.)
 - 3 cases were non-familial external exposure (i.e., outside of school outings).
 - 5 cases were of unknown exposure. (1 of these is suspected in-school exposure.)
- We have had no outbreaks. An outbreak is defined as 3 cases within 14 days where the exposure has the same epidemiological link (i.e., 3 cases in one classroom where there is no other possible exposure for any of those 3 cases).
- Only 1 of the positive cases resulted in individuals being quarantined because of close contact within the school setting.

Yes, COVID-19 is here, but we are using clear protocols to mitigate impact on our school community. The low level of spread inside OPS is partly due to our families having openly shared about close contact and placing their children in quarantine appropriately. Thank you!

We know there will be cases of COVID over the break. We ask that you refer to the following charts for guidance on the required quarantine and date your child is permitted to return to school. Please remember that vaccinated students do not need to quarantine after close contact as long as they remain asymptomatic.

IF YOUR CHILD IS A CLOSE CONTACT		
<i>Date of Exposure</i>	<i>Return Date With Negative Test on Day 5, 6 or 7 After Exposure*</i>	<i>Return Date No Test</i>
December 24	Monday, January 3	Tuesday, January 4
December 25	Monday, January 3	Wednesday, January 5
December 26	Monday, January 3	Thursday, January 6
December 27	Tuesday, January 4	Friday, January 7
December 28	Wednesday, January 5	Monday, January 10
December 29	Thursday, January 6	Monday, January 10
December 30	Friday, January 7	Monday, January 10
December 31	Monday, January 10	Tuesday, January 11
January 1	Monday, January 10	Wednesday, January 12
January 2	Monday, January 10	Thursday, January 13

**Day 1 is the day after an individual has close contact.*

IF YOUR CHILD TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID	
<i>Date of Positive Test (if asymptomatic) or Date of Symptom Onset</i>	<i>Return Date*</i>
December 24	Tuesday, January 4
December 25	Wednesday, January 5
December 26	Thursday, January 6
December 27	Friday, January 7
December 28	Monday, January 10
December 29	Monday, January 10
December 30	Monday, January 10
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If your child tests positive or is a close contact, we ask that you email our school nurse (nurse@oradellschool.org) and the principal (hawleym@oradellschool.org).

In the email please include:

Student Name

Student Grade

Student Homeroom Teacher

Date of Positive Test or Exposure

Date of Symptom Onset (if symptomatic)

Date of Anticipated Return (see chart above)

Negative test results should be emailed to nurse@oradellschool.org.

On Monday, January 3, live remote instruction will not immediately be provided to students quarantining or isolating; however, by the end of the school day you will be contacted by either your child's teacher or the assistant principal.

We appreciate your honesty, cooperation, and attention to our procedures. Maintaining a healthy school environment is truly a community effort and we thank you in advance for helping to keep OPS as safe and healthy as possible.

Sincerely,

Megan N. Bozios