

Oyster Bay – East Norwich Central School District Oyster Bay, New York 11771

Dear OBEN families,

I hope this letter finds you well. I wanted to take a moment to provide you with the most recent guidance regarding COVID-19 Protocols and Procedures.

Quarantine Change

- <u>Please click here</u> for the attached update from the New York State Department of Health. In accordance with this guidance, Isolation and Quarantine protocols have been modified.
 - o Masking and distancing will continue to be required in school settings.
 - o Fully vaccinated individuals (regardless of booster) may continue to attend or work at school, while quarantined outside of school.
 - Quarantine: Individuals not vaccinated or who have not completed their vaccination series should quarantine 5 days if they are close contact to an individual that tests positive for COVID-19.
 - All individuals, regardless of vaccination status must still quarantine outside the school setting for 5 days.
 - Students over 12 years old that are eligible for the booster and have not yet received it and are exposed to an individual with COVID-19 cannot participate in extra-curricular activities during the 5-day quarantine. They may only attend school and ride the bus to and from school.
 - o **Isolation**: Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a **minimum of 5 days**. If symptoms persist past 5 days, individuals must remain isolated until symptoms are resolving.
- Please click here for a one-page summary sheet.

Test Kit Expiration

• Approximately 600,000 CareStart antigen at-home tests that were distributed to school districts from New York State, including those distributed on January 5th, 2022 at Memorial Stadium, have an expiration date of January 31st. The federal Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is currently reviewing these tests to determine their efficacy for an extended 90 days past what is currently a January 31st expiration. We suggest these tests be exhausted prior to using other athome tests.

At-Home Tests

• At this time, a negative result on an at-home test is not accepted for return from illness. Individuals must still complete any outstanding quarantine or isolation orders regardless of a negative at-home test. If an individual tests positive on an at-home test, they should schedule a laboratory rapid or PCR and/or contact the DOH.

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Student Sickness

 Please report all absences due to sickness to the school nurse. Please monitor your child's symptoms and consult your physician, if necessary. <u>Here is a list of symptoms associated with</u> COVID-19.

Reporting a Positive COVD-19 Case DURING School Hours

• During school hours (8am-3pm), please report all cases directly to the school nurse.

Reporting a Positive COVD-19 Case AFTER School Hours

- After school hours (3pm-8am), please utilize our <u>COVID-19 Reporting System for After School</u> Hours
 - The school nurse will be in contact with you during school hours to discuss the case.

Returning to School Protocols

- This document provides information on returning to school following an illness.
 - o Click here for the English Version
 - o Click here for the Spanish Version

COVID-19 Report Card

- Data regarding positive cases is reported to NYS daily and can be accessed by clicking here
- Positive cases are reported on the OBEN Website as they occur

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's building nurse. Any questions or concerns that cannot be resolved can be addressed with me directly using the contact information at the bottom of this page.

Thank you for your help in ensuring our school stays safe!

Warm regards,

Joe Pesqueira, Ed.D.

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District-Wide COVID-19 Coordinator



COVID Quarantine and Isolation in the School Setting

Individual Tests Positive

You are isolated for 5 days (regardless of vaccination status). Day 0 is day symptoms begin or day positive test is administered.

(Day 1, 2, 3, 4, 5)*

*If you are still displaying symptoms on Day 6, please do not return to school until symptoms are resolving.

Deemed a Close Contact by DOH Guidelines

Vaccinated

Fully vaccinated (regardless of booster) may attend school

Full Quarantine for 5 days

Unvaccinated

(Day 0 thru day 5)

Boostered **OR** Not Booster Eligible

Eligible to participate in extracurricular or after school activities

Must return home immediately following the end of each school day

Not Boostered

(and eligible)

While eligible individuals can attend school, NYSDOH still requires all close contacts (vaccinated and/or boosted) to quarantine. Individuals are expected to quarantine when not involved in the above activities.

Fully Vaccinated = 2 weeks after receipt of second dose of Moderna or Pfizer or one dose of J&J

Booster Eligible = At least 5 months out from the final shot in Moderna or Pfizer Series or 2 months from J&J Shot.

Fully vaccinated 5-11-year-old children are not eligible for a booster and have no further restrictions.

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Student: Grad	e: Date:	
Your child has presented to the School Nurse with the follow Fever of Cough Shortness of breath or diffice Muscle/Body Aches Headache New loss of taste of Congestion or runny nose Nausea/vomiting/Diarrhea_	culty breathing Fatigue or smellSore throat	
Returning to School after Illness Schools must follow CDC, NYSDOH and Local Health Depart Please read A and B carefully.	tments for "Return to School" guidance.	
A Student who has COVID-like symptoms at home or a evaluation and/or testing:	at school should contact their healthcare provider for $oldsymbol{B}$	
Student receives a negative COVID-19 test result OR receives clearance from a healthcare provider with an alternate diagnosis	Student diagnosed with COVID-19.	
Return to school with: • A copy of the negative COVID-19 test result**, OR	Home isolation for five (5) days	
 A note from a healthcare provider indicating the test was negative or providing an alternative diagnosis** *No individual may return to school with a pendin COVID-19 Test **Prior to returning to school, documentation must be provided to the school nurse. Notes can be dropped off, emailed, or faxed. 	Return to school following: 5 days out from the start of symptoms have elapsed AND Fever free for 24 hours WITHOUT fever reducing medication AND Symptoms have improved AND Clearance from Nassau County	

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Department of Health

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Student:	Grade:	Date:
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