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Dear River Dell Community:

This is an update to my letter dated December 13, 2021. Late Thursday evening, the NJ Department of Health released revised guidance shortening the timelines used to quarantine students who are close contacts of an individual who test positive for COVID. These guidelines are:

- 1) The quarantine period for close contacts of positive individuals is now ten (10) days. The period may be reduced to seven (7) with a negative PCR test taken between five (5) and seven (7) days of the exposure. Fully vaccinated individuals and those who are clinically recovered from a COVID infection within ninety (90) days of the close contact do not need to quarantine.
- 2) Regardless of vaccination status we request that individuals who are close contacts of family members residing in the same household remain home until receiving a negative test.
- 3) Individuals who test positive must continue quarantine for ten (10) days from symptom onset or the date of the positive test when asymptomatic. Individuals may not return until they are symptom free and without fever for twenty-four hours without the use of fever reducing medicine.

Please be reminded that while New Jersey does not have travel restrictions in place, the Departments of Health and Education recommend that CDC guidelines be followed. In summary, vaccinated travelers may immediately return to normal activity after travel but should monitor their health for symptom development and get tested three (3) to five (5) days after travel. Unvaccinated travelers should stay home and self-quarantine for a full seven (7) days and get tested three (3) to five (5) days after travel. Full details may be found at this link - [Travel | CDC](#). Please note that there may be additional procedures imposed by airlines and destinations.

Thank you again and enjoy a safe and wonderful holiday season.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PJF", written over a white background.

Patrick J. Fletcher
Superintendent of Schools

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