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Dear Parents/Guardians/Faculty/Staff:

Below is some information regarding changes to COVID-19 isolation and quarantine requirements:

- Going forward quarantine due to close contact to a COVID-19 positive person may be reduced to five (5) days. Here is a link to the Onondaga County Health Department guidance document with specific details related to this five (5) day quarantine period: <u>OCHD Guidance Document</u>
- Going forward in order to return to school at the end of a period of quarantine, the quarantined person must submit a *Self-Attestation: Affirmation of Quarantine* form. Parents/guardians must submit this form to the appropriate school nurse on behalf of their child. Faculty/staff must submit this form to the appropriate school administrator. Here is a link to the Onondaga County Health Department website where this form can be found: <u>Quarantine</u>
- Going forward isolation due to a positive COVID-19 test result may be reduced to five (5) days. Here is a link to an Onondaga County Health Department guidance document with specific details related to this five (5) day isolation period: <u>OCHD Guidance Document</u>
- Going forward in order to return to school at the end of a period of isolation, the isolated person must submit a *Self-Attestation: Affirmation of Isolation* form. Parents/guardians must submit this form to the appropriate school nurse on behalf of their child. Faculty/staff must submit this form to the appropriate school administrator. Here is a link to the Onondaga County Health Department website where this form can be found: <u>Isolation</u>
- Going forward the definition of fully vaccinated has changed. Those eligible for a COVID-19 booster shot must now have received the booster shot in order to be considered fully vaccinated. Here is a link to the Onondaga County Health Department guidance document that defines fully vaccinate: <u>OCHD Guidance Document</u>
- School personnel will be in contact with families tomorrow regarding adjustments to end dates for those students who are currently either in quarantine or in isolation.

I hope everyone stays healthy, safe and warm.

Sincerely, **Robert J. Hughes** Robert J. Hughes Superintendent of Schools