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Dear Steel Valley Staff and Families,

After the Centers for Disease Control changed the recommendations for isolating as a positive COVID-19 case and for quarantining after exposure to a positive COVID-19 case, the Pennsylvania Department of Health adopted similar guidelines. In short, the timeframe for both isolation and quarantine has been cut from ten days to five days, while the directives for quarantine depend on your vaccination status. Greater detail can be found below and on the second page of this letter; these new guidelines are effective immediately.

The guidance we have received has changed significantly over the course of the pandemic, and I anticipate further changes in the weeks and months to come. As always, I thank you for your patience.

Sincerely,

Edward Wehrer
Superintendent

A. IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19, THEN ISOLATE REGARDLESS OF YOUR VACCINATION STATUS

- Stay home for 5 days.
- If you have no symptoms or your symptoms are resolving after 5 days, you can leave your house and return to school.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.

If you have a fever, continue to stay home until your fever resolves.

B. IF YOU WERE EXPOSED TO SOMEONE WITH COVID-19, THEN QUARANTINE BASED ON YOUR VACCINATION STATUS

If you:

Have been boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within the last 6 months

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J vaccine within the last 2 months

- Wear a mask around others for 10 days.
- Test on Day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

If you:

Completed the primary series of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Completed the primary series of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted

OR

Are unvaccinated

- Stay home for 5 days. After that continue to wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
- If you are absolutely unable to stay at home, you must consistently wear a mask for 10 days.
- Test on Day 5, if possible.

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.

C. IF YOU LIVE IN THE SAME HOUSEHOLD AS SOMEONE WHO HAS COVID-19, THEN QUARANTINE BASED ON YOUR VACCINATION STATUS

- Quarantine for the 5 days of isolation for the positive case and for 5 additional days at the conclusion of the isolation (for a total of 10 days).
- Follow the quarantine procedures outlined in **Section B** above.
- Continue to wear a mask around others for the next 5 days (Day 11 – 15).

If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.