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**RE: 1. Contact Tracing Update - Changed from 6' to 3' with Masks**  
**2. Quarantine Guidelines**



Dear Florham Park Parents/Guardians and Staff,

**1. Contact Tracing Update**

Please be advised that the State has recently updated the Contact Tracing section of the Governor's *The Road Forward*. This update specifically addresses K-12 students who are appropriately wearing masks, reducing the distance to be determined as a Close Contact from 6 feet to now 3 feet. Needless to say, this update will hopefully reduce the scenarios where students are determined to be a Close Contact within the school setting and required to quarantine. Please note, as done last year, if your child is determined to be a Close Contact, the school will immediately contact you to discuss the quarantine guidelines and to set up your child's instructional model during this time.

The [Road Forward](#) Section 4: Contact Tracing update is below.

**Exception:** In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition **excludes** students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) where both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting. (updated 8/21)

**2. Quarantine Guidelines**

- Vaccinated Individuals
  - Staff and students who are exposed to COVID-positive individuals and are fully vaccinated with no COVID-like symptoms do not need to quarantine but should continue to monitor for symptoms 14 days following the exposure.
- COVID-19 Activity Level
  - Currently, the Northwest region of NJ (Morris County) is in the moderate (yellow) activity level. In the moderate level, unvaccinated close contacts are required to quarantine for 10 days, or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days. The link to view the weekly CALI report from the NJDOH is at - [NJDOH CALI Report link](#). Please note that if the Northwest region shifts to a high (orange) activity level, exposed close contacts will be excluded from school for 14 days.

To that end, excluded individuals who are close contacts of staff or students who tested positive for COVID-19 may be considered for a reduced exclusion period based on [community transmission levels](#) as follows:

**High (orange) exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 14 days.**

**Moderate or Low (yellow or green) exposed close contacts should be excluded from school for 10 days (or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7 days)**

The district will continue to communicate changes from the State. We truly appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this time.

Sincerely,

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