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RE: NJDOH Guidance - Quarantine Period for Vaccinated Individuals Ages 12-17 (RMS Students)

Dear **Ridgedale Middle School Parents/Guardians and Staff**

The NJDOH recently announced another *revision* to the quarantine guidelines for K-12 schools that directly impacts students ages 12-17 (Ridgedale Middle School) in terms of vaccination status and when students would not be required to quarantine.

Close Contact Individual - Quarantine Requirements (as per 1/19/22 NJDOH K-12 Guidance)

(Individuals determined to be Close Contacts to a COVID Positive individual)

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 [symptoms](#) in the following groups **DO NOT** need to be excluded from school:

1. **NJDOH Revised - Age 12 or older* and have received all recommended vaccine doses, at least 14 days prior to being considered a Close Contact, including boosters and additional primary shots for some.
 - o In other words... If your child is 12 or older and received their primary vaccines and did not receive a booster when eligible, your child would now need to quarantine if determined to be a *Close Contact* at school since they are no longer considered *fully vaccinated* as per the NJDOH.
2. *No Change-* Age 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines (no booster required)
3. *No Change-* Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a laboratory-viral test)

The NJDOH indicated that districts can wait until February 1, 2022 to implement this revised school exclusion for students ages 12–17 years in order to “*minimize disruption to in-person learning*” and “*to allow time for students to catch up with the latest recommendations*”. Therefore, the Florham Park Schools will be waiting until February 1, 2022 to implement these newly revised guidelines for students aged 12-17. If your child already received the primary set of vaccines and/or the booster, please provide a copy of this document to Mrs. Kentner, RMS School Nurse, if you have not already done so. This can be sent electronically via email to Marian.Kentner@fpks.org.

As stated in my January 14th NJDOH communication letter, we will continue to consult with our local health department to adjust our procedures/protocols accordingly as revised guidelines become available.

Sincerely,

Steven Caponegro

Dr. Steven Caponegro

“In three words I can sum up everything I’ve learned about life ... it goes on.” – Robert Frost

cc: Mr. Thomas Cantisano, Florham Park Health Officer