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Dear West Seneca Community:

This letter is to inform you of changes related to the quarantine and isolation period for COVID-19. Please note that *isolation occurs when an individual tests positive for COVID*. Quarantine occurs when an individual has been identified as a close contact of a person testing positive for COVID.

If the individual is vaccinated, which includes 2 weeks post booster, and identified as a close contact:

- The individual is not required to quarantine when identified as close contact.
- The individual must monitor for symptoms and wear a well-fitting mask while around others for 10 days after the last date of exposure.
- If possible, the individual should test at day 5 with a PCR test or antigen test.
- If symptoms appear, quarantine and seek testing. In this situation, quarantine would end on the date of a negative test. If positive, isolation would occur as noted below.

If the individual is not fully vaccinated or fully vaccinated and eligible for a booster but not yet boosted and is not experiencing symptoms, and is identified as a close contact:

- The individual must quarantine for 5 days.
- Individuals **MUST wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days and can return to school/work.**

If the individual is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms OR if asymptomatic but tests positive for COVID-19 (**vaccinated or unvaccinated**):

- Isolation for that individual is now 5 DAYS, not the originally stated 10 days.
- If asymptomatic, then at the end of 5 days or symptoms are resolving, the isolation period ends.
- Individuals **MUST wear a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days and can return to school/work.**
- Individuals who cannot wear a well-fitted mask must remain in isolation for the full 10 days.
- Individuals who are immune compromised must remain in isolation for the full 10 days.
- If symptoms develop during the 5-day quarantine period, please remain in quarantine and secure a negative test in order to return to school earlier than day 10.

Work restrictions may be different from quarantine and isolation requirements. Work restrictions only pertain to when an individual may return to work. Isolation and quarantine requirements pertain to the individual's other day-to-day activities in the community.

For more information please see the NYSDOH Interim Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidance dated 1/4/2022 found [here](#).

Sincerely,

