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Dear Wyoming Central School District Family Members:

The Wyoming County Department of Health (WCDOH) and Wyoming County school districts have analyzed COVID-19 isolation and quarantine data for the past year and a half. The parties have collaborated on recent protocol updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the New York State Department of Health. The aforementioned cooperative efforts have resulted in the following updates to COVID-19 protocols.

Testing

- The District's testing supplies will be used for:
 - o screening of unvaccinated staff;
 - o diagnostic testing for students and staff upon request; and
 - o Test-to-Stay (TTS) for students and staff.

Contact Tracing

- The District will amend its current contact tracing practices.
- The Superintendent of Schools, or her designee, in consultation with the WCDOH, will have discretion to conduct contact traces in school settings where direct, close contacts are unavoidable.

TTS

- TTS may be utilized for individuals who are deemed close contacts.
- TTS allows close contacts to avoid school and extracurricular activities exclusion by testing negative through serial testing following exposure.
- The District will provide individuals with home test kits during the TTS period.
- Individuals consenting to TTS will report daily test results in the following ways:
 - o **Negative** – To the school at: <https://forms.gle/udYKCwHjDYee7zZ7A>
 - o **Positive** – To WCDOH at: <https://www.wyomingco.net/618/Report-a-Positive-at-Home-COVID-19-test->

Isolation and Quarantine Periods

- Isolation
 - o Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a minimum of five (5) days regardless of vaccination status.
 - o Further isolation will be required if symptoms persist.
- Quarantine periods for individuals exposed to COVID-19:
 - o **Unvaccinated*** – Five (5) days
 - o **Fully vaccinated, eligible for a booster, but not yet boosted*** – Zero (0) days. The individual may attend school for instruction only. The individual may not attend extracurricular activities and must adhere to quarantine guidance outside of school.
 - o **Fully vaccinated and boosted or not yet eligible for a booster** – Zero (0) days.

* Individuals in these groups may attend school for instruction **AND** extracurricular activities provided they participate in TTS.

Thank you to everyone for ensuring the safety of all our Wyoming CSD Family Members. Our data continues to demonstrate our school is the safest place for our students and staff.

Best,

Emily Herman
Superintendent of Schools