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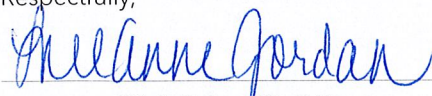
Today the Steuben Department of Health released information regarding new Test to Stay protocols. Test to Stay will allow individuals to attend school for the academic portion of the day while they are quarantined as a result of being a close contact to a person who has tested positive for Covid-19.

After consultation with our District Physician and our District Nurses, Jasper-Troupsburg will be implementing Test to Stay in the following way:

1. A student or faculty/staff member who has been quarantined as a result of an exposure at school will be offered the Test to Stay option when they are notified by District personnel of the quarantine. Historically, we have seen very few times when those quarantined as a result of an exposure at school became positive during their exclusion from school. Because data has shown that transmission of the virus is common within the home, students and faculty/staff members who are quarantined due to an exposure outside of school will not be able to utilize the Test to Stay protocol.
2. If the family of the student or the faculty/staff member chooses to utilize the Test to Stay protocol, the quarantined individual will take a BinaxNOW test administered by Mrs. Terwilliger, RN (Elementary) or Mrs. Leach, RN (Jr/Sr High School) each morning for the first seven days of the quarantine. (excluding weekends and school holidays)
 - a. The quarantined individual will not be permitted to ride the bus during the quarantine period, due to the increased potential for additional quarantines that would result if the individual became positive.
 - b. The nurses will determine a morning time for the quarantined individual to come to the health office to test. The nurse will perform the test, then the quarantined individual will wait for the test result in their vehicle. A positive test result will be reported to the Steuben DOH, and the individual will go directly home. A negative test result will allow the individual to attend school for the academic portion of the day.
3. The quarantined individual will not be permitted to attend after-school events or participate in extra-curricular activities (clubs, homework help, athletic practices, games, matches, meets, etc.) during the 10-day quarantine.
4. If the quarantined individual becomes symptomatic at any time during the 10-day period, he or she must stay home.
5. The individual will not be required to test on days 8-10 of the quarantine, but will still follow all other elements of the Test to Stay protocol.
6. Students who attend BOCES will be permitted to ride the bus to and from BOCES during the 10 days, however they must be seated a minimum of 3 feet from all other students on the bus and a minimum of 6 feet from the driver, and be properly masked at all times.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns. We are all navigating these changes and challenges together, and the support of our Wildcat families along the way continues to be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,



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