

Yesterday afternoon, Cooperstown Central School learned that a student in the Jr./Sr. High School building tested positive for COVID. As required, the school identified all students and staff members who were in direct contact with this student according to the criteria established by the Department of Health. As a result, students, and staff in close contact with the individual who tested positive will be required to quarantine for 10 days from last point of contact, Tuesday, March 16, 2021. School principals and nurses will be contacting staff and parents/guardians of those students impacted.

Due to the number of staff members requiring quarantine, grades 9-12 will move to remote instruction through March 26, 2021. Grades 9-12 will reopen for in person instruction on March 29, 2021, as appropriate. I recognize that some may be asking, "but I thought the teachers have been vaccinated." While many of our staff have received the vaccination, they are not considered fully vaccinated because they are not two weeks past receiving the second dose.

Due to the number students requiring quarantine, the junior varsity and varsity volleyball season will be suspended through March 26, 2021. Junior varsity and varsity volleyball may resume play on March 27, 2021. It has been decided that the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams will practice on March 27, 2021 and the game originally scheduled for this date may be rescheduled. Modified volleyball will continue as regularly scheduled.

These decisions were not made lightly. The administrative team and our health staff met early Sunday morning to discuss this situation. Based on that discussion, information provided by the Department of Health, and out of an abundance of caution for our school and community, it was determined that that safest course of action was to move to remote instruction for grades 9-12 and to suspend the volleyball season for the junior varsity and varsity volleyball teams through March 26th.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding during these unprecedented times.

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