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Students, Staff and Community Members of Easton,

Attached you will find the updated Standard Operating Procedure for Investigation of COVID-19 Cases in Pre-K-12 Schools. Feel free to read and contact the school with any questions or concerns you may have. Below are several clarifying points of interest:

- Individuals who have tested positive, or have been exposed to COVID-19 prior to 12/30 are not allowed to be quarantined under the new SOP guidelines.
- Symptomatic individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 will now quarantine for 5 days, and 24 hours free of a fever. (As opposed to 10 days.) Asymptomatic individuals who have tested positive are to quarantine 5 days from their test date. (As long as there are no onset of symptoms.)
- ESD will accept positive results of “at-home” tests. Negative results of symptomatic individuals must be supported by test results from a test site (Walgreens, PCP, etc.), or serve the duration of quarantine.
- Exposures that occur outside and on the school bus are no longer considered a close contact.
- Individuals who are eligible for the COVID-19 booster, if exposed, would need to “community quarantine” only.
- Both pooled testing and the mask mandate allows students to participate in after school activities. ESD is enforcing the mask mandate, therefore pooled testing will continue to be offered as testing surveillance, but will not need to be used for students to participate in after school activities such as athletics, music, etc.
- An “outbreak” is now considered to be 15% of students and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19.

I thank you for your trust and cooperation as we all work to provide safe and healthy in-person instruction.

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