Westfield Academy and Central School

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Dear WACS Families:

I am writing to update you regarding the quarantine period for an unvaccinated close contact. Effective immediately, per the Chautauqua County Department of Health, if your child was deemed a close contact, but remains asymptomatic, they will be able to return to school on the sixth (6) day after his/her exposure. If symptoms develop during the five-day quarantine period, please remain in quarantine and secure a negative test after day five (5) in order to return to school earlier than day ten (10). As an example:

Your child is determined to be a close contact on a Monday. This is considered to be "day 0". If no symptoms develop, your child would be out of quarantine on Sunday, and able to return to school Monday.

All students currently in isolation or quarantine have been contacted by WACS and provided the updated guidance.

This is a positive step forward for WACS as we look to return our students back to school as soon and safely as possible from isolation and quarantine.

We continue to evaluate the test to stay guidance. There are many factors to consider when shifting in this direction.

Please reach out to our health office or a member of our administrative team with any questions that arise.

As always, thank you for your partnership with WACS.

Sincerely,

Michael Cipolla

Superintendent of Schools

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