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Dear Voorhees Community,

On January 4, 2022, CDC updated COVID-19 isolation and quarantine recommendations with shorter isolation (for asymptomatic infected and mildly ill people) and quarantine periods of five days to focus on the period when a person is most infectious. On January 12, 2022, all school districts received a Broadcast that the NJDOH had accepted these guidelines for public schools. Please be patient as our nurses update their records and contact appropriate families.

Regardless of vaccination status, if a student experiences COVID-compatible symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and be tested for SARS-CoV-2. If your child is vaccinated, **PLEASE** provide proof of your child(ren) vaccination to the school nurse.

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 symptoms in the following groups **do not need** to quarantine or be excluded from school:

- Age 5-17 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines.
- Had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days (tested positive using a viral test).

Exposed close contacts who have no COVID-19 compatible symptoms in the following groups **should be excluded** from school:

- Persons less than 18 years of age and not fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 exclusion (isolation) criteria for persons who have COVID-19 compatible symptoms or who test positive for COVID-19:

Individuals, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive or individuals with COVID19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider should:

- Stay home for at least five full days after the onset of symptoms or asymptomatic after the positive test (day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, the day the test performed is day 0).
- If symptomatic on day five, remain quarantined until symptoms resolve for 24 hours.
- If asymptomatic on day five student may return to school.

Again, we encourage all families to keep their child home when sick, displaying signs of COVID, waiting on test results, or having tested positive. Keeping our schools safe and open can only happen if we work together.

As a reminder, we have again partnered with Adler's Pharmacy to offer COVID vaccinations and booster shots on Friday, January 28, 2022, at the Voorhees Middle School from 4:00 – 6:00. Any families interested in receiving a COVID vaccination or booster shot, please visit adlersrx.com.

Respectfully,
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