

# MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT



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Montague Families,

At last night's BOE meeting, the Montague Twp. Board of Education passed a resolution adopting the accompanying protocol. This adoption changes the protocol concerning quarantining of close contacts due to COVID tracing. The highlighted section is the most impacted. To be as clear as possible, going forward, if your child is identified as a close contact of an in-school COVID positive individual and is asymptomatic, you have the right to continue sending your child to school. If you choose to quarantine, virtual instruction will continue to be available. Obviously, if your child is feeling sick or unwell in any way, please continue to keep them home. Also, new DOH recommendations require only a five day quarantine for close contacts, and individuals that have tested positive are eligible to return once symptom free after five days. I have included the new NJDOE guidelines for clarification.

## **MONTAGUE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION**

### **PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL EXCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS (STUDENTS AND STAFF) IDENTIFIED AS IN-SCHOOL CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID 19**

Effective January 11, 2022, the Montague Township School District (the "District") protocol for in-school close contacts shall be as follows:

- In-school close contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual shall be notified of their status as a close contact.
- **Such individuals shall not be excluded from school/work, but may voluntarily be excused for self-quarantine.** Students who voluntarily self-quarantine due to being identified as an in-school close contact shall be eligible for supplemental instruction for up to ten (10) days from the date of close contact.

- Designated close contacts shall monitor for COVID-19 symptoms daily and shall not appear for school should symptoms be present.
- The Centers for Disease Control recommend that any individual designated as a close contact undergo COVID-19 screening testing five (5) days after close contact. The District shall make COVID-19 testing available for any close contact upon request, and provided that State funds remain available for such testing.
- The District will continue to monitor data and adjust protocols accordingly.
- This protocol is limited to in-school close contacts and does not affect close contacts occurring outside of school.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to with myself, Mr. Andriac or Nurse Mott. We are here to help. Go Bears!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'John Nittolo', written over a horizontal line.

John Nittolo  
Principal/Acting CSA