

# ONEONTA CITY SCHOOLS

## COVID-19 SCHOOL GUIDANCE

August 17, 2022

### General Protocol

- Masks are not required unless a positive individual is returning from a 5 day isolation period or an individual is a home exposure (*see below*).
- Cleaning standards for COVID guidelines will be followed.
- Students should be reminded to social distance, proper hand washing, to use hand sanitizer.

### Procedures for Students & Staff that Develop COVID Symptoms:

Symptoms - *fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, chest discomfort or diarrhea.*

- Mask immediately
- Students should be sent to the school's isolation room. Staff that exhibit COVID symptoms should notify the principal and/or school nurse.
- If symptomatic, individual will be sent home to be medically assessed by their healthcare provider.
- The student/staff may return to school after the provider determines that there is a diagnosis other than COVID-19 and that the individual may return following the school handbook.
- Sick individuals that are not medically assessed by a health care provider will remain out of school for 5 days. The sick individual may return on the 6<sup>th</sup> day by wearing a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days. If unable to wear a mask, it will be necessary to isolate for 10 full days.

### Procedures for Students & Staff that Test Positive for COVID:

- Individuals that are positive must isolate at least 5 days **after** symptoms first appear and may return to school by wearing a well-fitting mask for an additional 5 days. If unable to wear a mask, it will be necessary to isolate the additional 5 days.
- Symptoms must be greatly improved and no fever for the last 24 hours (*without taking fever reducing medications*).

### Home Exposure

- Students & staff (regardless of vaccination status) that live with a positive individual will no longer be required to quarantine but must wear a mask for 10 days after the last contact with the positive person.
- Individuals who do not wear a mask will have the option to quarantine during this 10 day period.
- Anyone exposed to COVID should watch for symptoms until 10 days after the last close contact with the infected person.

Report **all** positive cases and in home exposures to the School Nurse at 205-536-7831.

Employees who isolate/quarantine must use some type of leave (*sick, vacation, or personal days*).