



Dear members of the Caesar Rodney community,

Below is new information that we have received from the Delaware Division of Public Health (DPH) and the Delaware Department of Education (DOE) announcing that Delaware is adopting the new CDC guidance around shorter isolation and quarantine times for those infected with COVID-19, and close contacts.

The CDC's new guidance says:

- For those who test positive for COVID-19 – but don't have symptoms – the isolation period can be reduced from 10 days to 5 days as long as the person wears a mask around others (in and out-of-home) for at least 5 additional days. If you have a fever, remain in isolation until the fever resolves.
- For close contacts who are unvaccinated, or more than 6 months out from their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna or 2 months out from their single dose of Johnson & Johnson (without a booster), quarantine has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days, followed by mask use for an additional 5 days.
- For close contacts who have received their booster shot, or are less than six months out from being fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna or are less than 2 months from their J&J vaccine, no quarantine is needed, but these persons should wear a mask for 10 days after the exposure to the positive case.
- For vaccinated close contacts who are not yet eligible for a booster - including students younger than 16 - no quarantine is needed. DPH is reviewing the guidance and evaluating its impact on the Test-to-Stay program.

The Caesar Rodney School District will begin implementing these isolation and quarantine measures when classes resume on Monday, January 3, 2022.

Sincerely,

Dr. Kevin Fitzgerald
Superintendent