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Ms. Alisha DiCorpo
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Dear New Milford School Community:

As we near the end of the school year, with many exciting events and opportunities for students on the horizon, I would like to remind you of the COVID-19 processes we have had in place regarding quarantining [that we shared with you in January](#) and that we will continue to uphold as the year concludes. It is important to note that New Milford follows the [10 day quarantine guidance that was provided by the CDC](#) for persons known to be close contacts of cases of COVID-19.

Recently, a few parents have inquired about whether or not the district will be reducing the number of days in quarantine from 10 days to 7 days. New Milford will continue to follow the 10 day guidance, since per the CDC: “After 7 days, persons need to continue to take the measures needed to prevent COVID-19, including but not limited to: wearing a mask when out in public and **avoiding gatherings with people who are not in your immediate household**, are over 65 years old, or have medical conditions that place them at increased risk for COVID-19.” The district’s medical advisor and the local health director support the school district’s decision to continue utilizing the 10 day quarantine period guidance.

In addition, our contact tracing process has not changed. We continue to follow CDC guidance which means that we contact trace 48 hours prior to symptom onset or a positive test which includes students who are within 3-6 feet over a total of 15 minutes or 15 minutes over the course of the day. Contact tracing is conducted following the same guidance whether or not students are indoors or outdoors and whether or not students are wearing masks. Anyone who fits this criteria is placed quarantined for 10 days and cannot test out. Currently, the only exceptions to the 10 day quarantine are if you had COVID-19 in the prior 90 days or you have completed your COVID-19 vaccination schedule and 14 days have elapsed since your last dose.

Please feel free to reach out to me should you have any questions about this communication. Thank you for your understanding and patience during this difficult time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Alisha DiCorpo".

Alisha DiCorpo
Superintendent