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Dear Cincy School Community,

I am writing to update you on how the district is responding to new state and local guidelines on quarantine and isolation procedures. As always, we will implement them with the health and safety of students and staff as our number one priority.

Changes to How Covid-19 Cases Will be Tracked and Communicated in Cortland County

Last week, it was announced that the Cortland County Health Department will no longer notify families when/if they have a child who has tested positive for Covid-19 or if a child has to quarantine as a result of being a close contact of a Covid-19 positive person.

Below, please find the process that is required moving forward if your child tests positive for Covid-19:

- You must notify the school that your child attends.
- You are expected to go to the Cortland County Health Department website and notify them by clicking [here](#).
- You are expected to inform other close contacts, outside of school, that they may have been exposed. A close contact is defined as someone who was: within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.
- When contacted by the New York State Department of Health, the school will notify close contacts at school and provide a link that families will use to determine the quarantine status of their child. Click [here](#) for NYSDOH guidelines published January 13, 2022.
- Please click [here](#) to visit the Frequently Asked Question for Schools from January 14, 2022.
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The district will work with families to discuss the duration of a quarantine due to an exposure to Covid-19.

Covid-19 Positive Case Updates

Almost all cases of COVID-19 that we have experienced in school have been the result of community or home exposure. In fact, it has been difficult to pinpoint any transmission within our school building or on our buses.

We will continue to implement mask wearing, social distancing, and enhanced cleaning practices in district buildings. This has allowed us to be as successful as we have been in mitigating Covid-19 spread in our schools. Take care and thank you for entrusting your child's education to us.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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