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Re: Comsewogue Updated COVID-19 Protocols

Good Evening Warriors,

As you are aware, as of March 2nd the universal mask mandate for schools is no longer in effect in New York State. This change is aligned with last Friday's CDC recommendation for counties, such as Suffolk, that are labeled Low Risk of Transmission.

Therefore, all Comsewogue School District buildings are considered mask optional for all individuals. Under these protocols, no person will ask another to mask in our schools, classrooms, grounds, or while utilizing our school bus transportation.

In accordance with newly released NYS Department of Health School guidance document:

- Masking is also no longer required on school buses/vans. This includes home to school routes, athletics, and field trips.
- Students and staff members who test positive for COVID -19 must continue to isolate for 5 days.
- Masking continues to be required upon return from isolation after COVID-19 infection during days 6 through 10 for students and staff. Students who are required to wear a mask in school upon return from isolation, must also wear a mask while on school transportation.
- Families will continue to be notified of the positive cases in their child's classes.
- Unvaccinated faculty and staff are required to continue COVID-19 testing on a weekly basis.
- The District must continue to report positive student and staff COVID-19 cases daily to NYSDOH.

The health and safety of our students and staff continues to remain our highest priority. We will continue to employ mitigation strategies to curb the spread of COVID-19 in our schools. This includes regular handwashing, ventilation, enhanced cleaning protocols throughout the district, the use of hand sanitizers as needed, and offering COVID-19 home test kits to our families, staff, and faculty.

COVID-19 home test kits are available for pick-up at each building in the nurses' office, during school hours.

Thank you for your support and patience as we implement these new changes and transition to what school is, a fun, safe place to learn. Additional details relating to this new NYS school guidance will be provided as the guidance is further analyzed and reviewed.

All the best,

Dr. Jennifer Quinn
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