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Dear Lake Shore Central School District Families,

We are writing to inform you that on Tuesday, January 25, with parental consent, we can begin testing students who develop Symptoms at School (SaS), as well as testing asymptomatic, unvaccinated close contacts who would like to stay in school rather than quarantine (Test-to-Stay). Also, the Centers for Disease Control and the New York State Department of Health have reduced the duration of both the isolation time of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19 and the quarantine time of a person who is determined to be an unvaccinated close contact.

The maximum duration of quarantine for an asymptomatic, unvaccinated close contact is now five (5) days rather than ten (10). This week, our nurses have called the families of students who were under a ten (10) day quarantine to let them know when they may return to school.

The duration of isolation for a person who tests positive is also five (5) days instead of (10) now, as long as the person's symptoms have substantially resolved or are improving, there has been no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, and the student can wear a mask comfortably while at school.

The goal of both of our new on-site testing programs is to:

- Add an additional layer of mitigation to our already extremely safe learning and work environments.
- Maximize the opportunity for in-person learning for all healthy children because of the academic, social, emotional, mental, physical, economic and nutritional benefits conferred on children and families when school-aged children are present in school.

Symptoms at School (SaS)

Students who visit the Health Office during school hours who are not feeling well may be tested (parent consent is required) in the Health Office if they present with these symptoms:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat

If the result of the test is negative, the student will be sent back to class. If the result is positive they will be sent home immediately for isolation.

It has long been our practice to send students home if they come to the Health Office with a fever, vomiting or diarrhea, and that will continue.

The Test-to-Stay program will be available for any of our students and staff who are identified as close contacts of a COVID-19 case from a school exposure and who are also not fully vaccinated. A family can take advantage of TTS by bringing their child to school before the beginning of the day, where our nurse will give your child a 15-minute Antigen rapid COVID-19 test when:

- The parent/person in parental relation has given consent – electronic form is available at www.lakeshorecsd.org
- The exposure occurred in the school setting and while both the person with COVID-19 (index patient) and exposed person were consistently and properly masked.
- The exposed person remains asymptomatic.
- **Please note:**
 - Unfortunately, at this point, the NYSDOH will not allow students in Test-to-Stay to participate in their extracurricular activities until the 6th day after exposure.
 - The exposed person is tested a minimum of two times during the five-day period following exposure, unless recognition of the exposure is delayed or weekends or school breaks intervene.
 - The five-day period is measured in calendar days where the last date of exposure is considered day 0. The first test will occur on the day immediately after close contact notification. The second test will be done on day 5.
 - All testing will be conducted by the school nurse in the nurse's office or other designated school location.
 - Please note that students participating in TTS are allowed to continue to ride the school bus or walk to school. However, we very much prefer that parents/guardians provide personal transportation for students in TTS.
 - If a student tests positive for COVID during this process, the student will be excluded/isolated per existing procedures and contact tracing will commence by the District's COVID Coordinator/Nurse

Families will be notified by phone of the test result as soon as available. If the test result is negative, the student will attend school that day. If the test result is positive, the student will be sent home to isolate.

These new testing programs are meant to be an additional way to help us keep your child in school and safe. Please know that our nurses and school principals will be fully ready to answer any questions you have about these programs, and to ensure that both processes are easy for you and for your child.

Thanks, as always, for your trust and partnership.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shirley A. Jones".