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Dear Parents and Staff,

I hope everyone is enjoying a well needed holiday break and spending some time with family. There have been a number of news articles and announcements from government officials regarding COVID quarantining protocols and home test kits. I wanted to provide an update as to where we stand today.

Even though the CDC has announced changes to quarantining protocols, such as Test-To-Stay (where after a certain number of negative tests, a student or staff member could return from quarantine sooner than the 10 days) or reductions from 10 to 5 days of quarantining for fully vaccinated individuals, the Nassau County Department of Health has not yet adopted and/or approved any of those revised protocols. Therefore, there will be no changes to the quarantining protocols for our school district when we return next Monday.

The Governor has also announced that school districts will be getting home test kits to distribute to students and teachers. The apparent goal was to have everyone tested before they return on Monday. This plan would have provided a number of logistical issues in obtaining and distributing test kits and collecting results prior to reopening on Monday. As of today, the kits have not been distributed to the Nassau BOCES site and there is no update on when they are expected to arrive.

When these test kits arrive to the District, we will make arrangements for distribution of the test kits (which we are told contains two tests per kit) to parents and staff. The District will not be administering these tests to students or staff members and will not be sending them home with students directly.

Details and guidance are still evolving and could change daily. I will keep you informed of official protocol changes as they occur.

As a reminder, if your child has tested positive for COVID or has been deemed a direct contact, we ask that you fill out the attached form to help the District maintain updated information.

I wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

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