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Dear BCPS Families,

The NYCDOHMH has sent out an update regarding Covid-19 procedures as follows:

Masks

While masks are no longer mandatory to wear for young children or adults in school or childcare settings, they help protect the person who is wearing it and help prevent people, including those without symptoms who do not know they are sick, from spreading the virus to others.

Masks are required in the following scenarios:

- If your child is returning to school after testing positive for Covid-19, masks must be worn through day ten after symptom onset or date of positive test, whichever is earlier.
- If your child is exhibiting mild Covid-like symptoms but does not have Covid-19.

Masks are strongly encouraged in the following scenarios:

- If you are exposed to someone with Covid-19. You should wear a mask for ten days after your last day of exposure and tested on day five.
- If you are moderately to severely immunocompromised.
- In crowded indoor settings.

Quarantine

- If your child tests positive, he/she must quarantine for at least five complete dates with day 0 being the day tested for Covid-19 or date symptoms first started. Before returning to school on day six, your child must be fever-free at least 24 hours without the use of medication and be mostly symptom-free. A negative test result is also required on day six and a mask must be worn through day ten.
- If your child is considered a close contact but is symptom-free, he/she may continue to attend school with no further action until symptom onset. Close contacts and those exposed to Covid-19 are encouraged to wear a mask through day ten of exposure. You may elect to test for Covid-19 on day five, though it is not required.

If you, your child, or other close family member has tested positive, been in close contact with a positive case, or are experiencing symptoms of Covid, please help us keep BCPS safe by staying home and alerting us as soon as possible.

Take care,

Jackie