

January 7, 2022

Good Afternoon WCSD Community,

We are very pleased to inform our community of the following changes to COVID-19 guidelines that are scheduled to take effect starting Monday, January 10th. This could not have been accomplished without the leadership and commitment of Dutchess County Executive Marcus Molinaro and the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health. As you are aware we have been working in collaboration since the start of this pandemic and remain committed to providing as much in-person instruction as possible for our students in a safe school environment.

Beginning Monday, January 10th, The Wappingers Central School District will adhere to the protocols based on the following [correspondence received today January 7th by the Dutchess County Department of Behavioral and Community Health](#).

The most significant change that will have an immediate impact on our students, staff, and families is the reduction of the mandatory quarantine period from 10 days to 5. Starting on Monday, January 10th, all individuals who are identified as needing to quarantine due to being a close and proximate contact to an individual who has tested positive, and where said individual is asymptomatic will now be required to quarantine for only 5 days instead of 10.

Any individual who has been identified as having to quarantine in the past week can also follow this new protocol, so long as they remain asymptomatic, they may return to school on what is considered day 6 of their previously assigned 10 day quarantine period.

There will be additional documents and flowcharts shared with you as they become available to use as reference to these changes in the coming days and we will share additional details as they become available. Thank you again, as always, for all of your patience, understanding, and continued support of our students and the District.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dwight Bonk  
Superintendent of Schools