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Dear NSCSD Parents and Guardians:

As I am sure you are aware, the positivity rates in Onondaga County have increased in the last week. North Syracuse Central Schools is committed to educating your child during these difficult times. In an effort to do this, we will need to work together as a community to manage COVID-19 and keep our students and staff safe. To this end, I am providing the following reminders and updates:

- If your child exhibits any symptoms associated with COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status, they should be kept home, and must be tested before returning to school. For symptomatic students, home tests may not be used as proof of a negative test. If a student is symptomatic, they should be considered suspect for COVID-19 and are required to get a PCR or lab-based antigen test for confirmation. For a complete list of symptoms associated with COVID-19, please click [here](#).
- Onondaga County has adopted a 5-day isolation period for any staff or students who test positive for COVID-19, regardless of vaccination status.
- Onondaga County has adopted a 5-day quarantine period for any **unvaccinated** student who has close contact with an individual who tests positive for COVID-19.
- Students are considered **fully vaccinated** two weeks after their second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks after a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine and if they are not yet eligible for a booster. If students are eligible for a booster, they are **no longer considered fully vaccinated**. Guidelines are below:
  - Ages 5-11: Two doses of Pfizer (21 days apart); these ages are not eligible for a booster.
  - Ages 12-17: Two doses of Pfizer (21 days apart); eligible for booster 5 months after second dose.
  - Ages 18+: Two doses of Pfizer (21 days apart); booster 5 months after second dose OR Two doses of Moderna (28 days apart); booster 6 months after second dose OR Single dose of Johnson & Johnson; booster 2 months after single dose.
- Student athletes who test positive will continue to follow the 14-day return to play protocol prior to participating in athletics as advised by our Medical Director.

Thank you again for your continued support as we work through the challenges associated with COVID-19. We will continue to provide updates as more information becomes available.

Sincerely,

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