

The purpose of this letter is to provide an update regarding COVID-19 reporting, quarantine and isolation protocols. Schools were notified that County Health Departments will no longer be conducting COVID case interviews, contact tracing, communicating quarantines or isolations. These responsibilities will be shifting to school districts.

The Sidney CSD will communicate COVID cases by using the NYS COVID Report Card (<https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov/#/home>). The district will post the NYS link on the district's website for easy accessibility.

Parents are now required to enter all positive home test results into the County (in which you reside) Health Department's portal. Please refer to the county health department website links below for self-reporting, quarantine and isolation attestations.

Delaware County <http://delawarecountypublichealth.com/>

Chenango County <https://www.co.chenango.ny.us/public-health/>

Otsego County [https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health\\_department/covid19.php](https://www.otsegocounty.com/departments/d-m/health_department/covid19.php)

Also, please be advised that the Delaware County Health Department has adopted the CDCs recommendations in using the 5-day isolation and quarantine protocols. Please refer to the CDCs quarantine and isolation guidance ([COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation | CDC](#)) for more information.

The Sidney CSD has updated our protocols for quarantines and isolations and will be doing the following:

- The school will be conducting all contact tracing and communicating directly with families impacted by a quarantine and/or isolation. Families should do their best to notify any close contacts from outside of school.
- The Health Departments will not be contacting families regarding positive cases, quarantines, or isolations.
- Quarantines, due to an in-school positive exposure will be 5 days, with a Test to Stay option available. The option is only available to in school exposures and not from outside of school or the home. There are no restrictions after the 5-day quarantine.
- During the Test to Stay option, students are only permitted to attend in-person learning and ride district transportation if necessary. Students are not permitted to attend extra-curriculars including sports, clubs, afterschool program, etc...
- Isolations resulting from a positive COVID test will be 5 days, unless symptomatic, which could be up to a 10-day isolation.
- There are no restrictions\* if you are vaccinated, boosted (if eligible) and asymptomatic.
  - \*This means a student can attend school and participate in extracurriculars.

The above mentioned changes to quarantines and isolations were made by New York State. We appreciate your continued support and patience. If you have any questions, please contact the district office at 561-7700.

Thank you,

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