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Update on Quarantines as a Result of COVID-19 Contact

While it is the district's goal to maintain in-person instruction for everyone throughout the school year, there may be a need for students to be provided instruction remotely due to COVID-19 isolation or quarantine. The decision to place an individual under quarantine due to contact with a positive case, or isolation because of testing positive for COVID-19, comes as a directive from the Broome County Department of Health. The purpose for these decisions is to keep students, staff, and families healthy and safe by minimizing the spread of COVID-19.

Earlier this year, the district [posted](#) the following guidance, which outlines decision-making points the health department makes when determining if an individual is quarantined.

Additionally, students who display cold or flu-like symptoms, will need to continue to be checked by the school nurse, and will be sent home. The student may return to school if the following conditions are met:

- A negative COVID test either performed at school or by a provider of your choice at least 24 hours after symptoms first appeared (tests purchased at a drug store and administered at home are not acceptable).
- Student's symptoms are improving.
- The student has not had a fever in the past 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
- The student never had any of the most serious symptoms of COVID-19, which would include the loss of taste or smell, pneumonia or illness requiring hospitalization.

The first step in accessing your child's classroom-specific work while they are not in the building is to go to your child's teacher's Google Classroom site. Additional instructional support may also be found at: [Support for Quarantined Students](#).

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