

# Newfane Central School District

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*"Together We Can"*

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Dear parents and guardians:

As we continue to navigate our path through the constantly changing COVID landscape, I want to make you aware of some very important, significant changes to our District protocols in responding to COVID related issues. These changes have been formulated in collaboration with the Niagara County Department of Health and our neighboring school districts in the Orleans-Niagara region.

Effective immediately:

- If a student tests test **positive** for COVID (regardless of vaccination status), they must isolate for **five (5) days** after the first day they show symptoms (or if there are no symptoms, after the date of their test). If they have no symptoms, or their symptoms are improving after day 5, they may return to school on day 6. No testing is required to return to school.
- If a student is "close contact" of a COVID positive person, and they are unvaccinated, they must quarantine (as determined by the NCDOH) for **five (5) days**. They may return to school on day 6 if they are symptom free. No testing is required to return to school. A vaccinated student does not have to quarantine as long as they remain symptom free.
- If a student is identified as showing symptoms in school, and have had no known contact with a COVID positive person, they will be sent home from the health office. Parents will be given an at-home COVID antigen rapid test to bring home with them (as long as supplies last). Once they are symptom free, a parent can test their child at home using the at-home test and if that test is **negative** the student can return to school. We do ask that you report the test results to the school nurse. Of course, if the test is **positive**, it must also be reported to the Niagara County Health Department: ([NCDOH](#))

The Newfane Central School District is in constant contact with the Niagara County Department of Health, the New York State Department of Health and the leadership of the component school districts of the Orleans-Niagara BOCES. Our focus continues to be on keeping our children in school, safely.

We greatly appreciate the cooperation, understanding and perseverance of our teachers, support staff, families and of course, our children. It has been a struggle; but as we know here in Newfane, when we struggle together,

*"Together We Can!"*

Sincerely,

Michael Baumann  
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