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Recommendations for Determining Exposure to a Confirmed COVID-19 Case in a School Setting

General Information:

- Fully vaccinated students, staff and faculty are not required to quarantine after an exposure to a confirmed COVID-19 case, unless they have symptoms. *We ask that they are still indicated on contact lists when contact tracing.*
- According to the CDC, fully vaccinated identified contacts should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
- It is expected that all individuals will be properly wearing masks, except for when eating or during mask breaks.
- If knowledge about proper mask wearing, times and distances is unavailable, all individuals in close contact to the **confirmed** case for 15 minutes or more will be considered exposed and are quarantinable.
- In the event of a cluster of cases deemed to be due to school-setting transmission, Broome County Health Department may re-evaluate the following quarantine criteria.

Determining Student Exposure:

Classroom Setting-

- A. WITH **confirmed**, proper mask wearing -
 - a. **Less than 3 feet** – will be quarantined if exposed longer than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.
- B. WITHOUT **confirmed**, proper mask wearing -
 - a. **Less than 6 feet** – will be quarantined if exposed longer than 15 minutes in a 24-hour period.

School Bus Setting-

While it is strongly encouraged that windows on the bus are down to encourage air flow, it will not exclude individuals from quarantine.

- A. WITH **confirmed**, proper mask wearing -
 - a. If bus ride is 15 minutes or more with the confirmed case, students seated in the row directly in front, in the row directly behind and within the same row of the confirmed case will be quarantined.

