

## Changes in District Policy

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Sent on behalf of Superintendent Brady.

I want to alert you to a change in District policy in regard to students and staff who display symptoms of COVID-19. In collaboration with the St. Lawrence County Public Health Department, the District has decided to accept, in cases of mild symptoms, a negative COVID-19 PCR test to return to school instead of a PCR test and a medical practitioner's note. Our nurses will continue to follow the NYS Commissioner's communicable disease regulation to require a medical practitioner's note to return to school for symptoms such as: fever, unresolved vomiting and/or diarrhea, severe sore throat, persistent cough, honey crusted sores around the nose or mouth, red, itchy eyes accompanied by drainage and rash of unknown origin. The decision to require the medical practitioner's note will be at the discretion of the school nurse.

Our goal in making this decision is to return students and staff to school safely but in a more prompt manner after they have displayed symptoms of COVID-19. As our experience with the virus evolves, we will continue to adjust our policies within CDC and NYS Department of Health guidelines to ease the burden of quarantining while keeping our school community safe.

If you have any questions about this change in COVID-19 policy, please contact your child's building nurse.

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