

# Cheektowaga-Sloan Union Free School District

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Dear Cheektowaga-Sloan Families,

I am writing to inform you of a change regarding the quarantine period for an unvaccinated close contact.

As per the Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH), effective immediately, if your child was deemed a close contact, but remains asymptomatic, they will be able to return to school on the sixth (6) day after his/her exposure. If symptoms develop during the five-day quarantine period, please remain in quarantine and secure a negative test after day five (5) in order to return to school earlier than day ten (10). I have provided an example below to help make this new change easier to understand:

*Your child is determined to be a close contact on a Monday. This is considered to be "day 0". If no symptoms develop, then your child would be out of quarantine on Sunday, and able to return to school on Monday.*

The situation involving the number of days to quarantine and the requirements around this has been changing quite frequently. I will continue to provide our families with updated information and any pertinent changes as we receive notification from the ECDOH and the NYSDOH.

This afternoon, I will be involved in an important meeting with the ECDOH in which I hope to learn specific details about what is required from us in order to implement the **Test to Stay (TTS) Program**. We have been preparing for this and are ready to make the final adjustments once we receive clarification on exactly what is needed in order to begin TTS. I look forward to communicating with our families next week regarding Cheektowaga-Sloan's Test to Stay (TTS) plan. We are committed to taking any action, such as TTS implementation, if it means that this will help our students remain in school and learning in their classrooms.

Thank you for your continued attention to the ongoing communication that is sent to our families and for all of your unending support. Our top priority continues to be the health and safety of everyone here and maintaining in-person learning for all children. Your partnership has enabled us to make this happen. Thank you so very much.

Sincerely,

Andrea L. Galenski

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