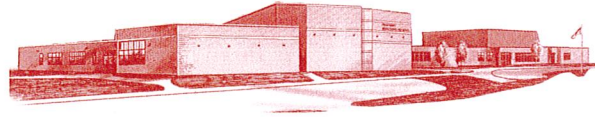


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Dear Parents and Guardians:

The CDC and the Department(s) of Health made some changes over the break that are impacting schools and are important to know. Below is a summary of information that families should be aware of given these updates:

1. Onondaga County provided home test kits for all students attending school in Onondaga County. These tests were distributed to students yesterday at Fabius-Pompey. These tests are a good opportunity to test your child in the event of contact with a positive case, but **they do not replace a PCR test if your child is symptomatic**. If your child has any of the following symptoms they will still need a doctor's note, or a negative PCR test before returning to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

A home test can be used to demonstrate a positive result, and that information should be shared with the Department of Health, but a negative result (with symptoms) does still require a PCR test. The guidance from the Onondaga County Health Department states that "a person who is asymptomatic and negative should be negative and test again in 2-3 days if they have been exposed -- **if the person is symptomatic and negative -- they should be considered suspect for COVID and should get a PCR for confirmation.**"

2. The CDC also came out with new guidance for essential workers. Doctors, nurses, teachers as well as other professions are on this list. The guidance stated that these individuals could return to work after 5 days. Fabius-Pompey is maintaining the 10-day quarantine period at this time. We will await guidance from the Onondaga County Health Department and keep you aware of any changes in the future.
3. Test to Stay (TTS) has not yet begun. There is a lengthy procedure and application process that precedes getting the tests. The Test to Stay program allows students and staff who have been considered a close contact to someone with COVID to continue to come to school provided they test negative each day to start the school day. These contacts must be school contacts and not contacts

made outside of school. These tests will be similar to the home tests that were distributed yesterday and will be done for 5-7 days after the exposure. At this time, this will eliminate quarantining only during the school day and does not extend to times outside of the school day. A student would not be able to participate in extracurricular activities until the quarantining period ends.

All of these COVID-related situations are guided and directed by the New York State and Onondaga County Health Departments. As you are undoubtedly aware, this is a rapidly evolving situation. As any relevant changes occur, we will reach out to inform you. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Fabius-Pompey Administrative Team