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Schools Superintendent: New State Protocol for Student COVID-19 Cases

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On Sunday afternoon, Schools Superintendent Alan Addley sent parents and staff a description in chart form of the state's latest policy on school protocols for students or staff who test positive for COVID-19.

"This is just a brief update to the communication sent to families on Thursday, Dec. 30 [on] Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and Department of Public Health (DPH), testing, and contact tracing policies for schools," Addley said.

The superintendent said the district's "revised policies," which follow state education and health department policies, "essentially reflect" what the District Medical Team devised and told families about on Thursday, Dec. 30. Addley didn't say so directly, but that seems to indicate minor changes were made.

Here's the full sentence:

"The revised policies essentially reflect the decisions made by our District Medical Team last week and that were communicated to families last Thursday."

Here's the full chart (following that is the full text of Addley's Sunday message):

Full Text: Superintendent on New COVID-19 Case Protocol

Darienite.com received this message in a 2:01 p.m. email on Sunday, Jan. 2:

Jan. 2, 2022

Dear Families & Staff,

Good afternoon and a happy and healthy 2022 to your family.

This is just a brief update to the communication sent to families on Thursday, Dec. 30 [on] Connecticut State Department of Education (CSDE) and Department of Public Health (DPH), testing, and contact tracing policies for schools. The revised policies essentially reflect the decisions made by our District Medical Team last week and that were communicated to families last Thursday.

School districts are now able to follow the updated CDC recommendations for a 5-day isolation and quarantine period. Please see the table below that summarizes scenarios that might occur in the school setting.

A reminder that Monday, Jan. 3 will be a two-hour delayed opening schedule to provide teachers with the opportunity to prepare remote and in-person learning for their students.

The CSDE and DPH will review these new policies and practices in more detail with school superintendents early next week.

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Thank you for your continued understanding and support as we return to school tomorrow and navigate some transitional circumstances.

Sincerely,

Alan Addley, Ed.D. Superintendent of Schools