

## Sturgis Charter Public School An International Baccalaureate World School



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Dear Sturgis Families,

Sturgis will follow an updated protocol on who is required to quarantine after being exposed to COVID-19 in the classroom. This change is supported by the town public health director, and the new protocol is as follows.

Individuals who were within 3 to 6 feet of an individual who tested positive in the classroom, while both individuals were wearing masks, do not have to quarantine and can return to school as long as they do not have symptoms of COVID-19 or test positive for COVID-19. This is based on updated guidance from the Department of Elementary & Secondary Education, developed in collaboration with the Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. This does not apply to any out of school exposures to COVID-19.

You will still be notified if your child was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 positive individual, but they will not be required to quarantine if they were at least 3 feet away in the classroom. All close contacts will still be urged to get tested 4-5 days after the exposure.

Please note that parents may still choose to quarantine their child in such a case, and that students learning from home for that reason will not be penalized.

Sincerely,

Paul Marble

**Executive Director** 

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