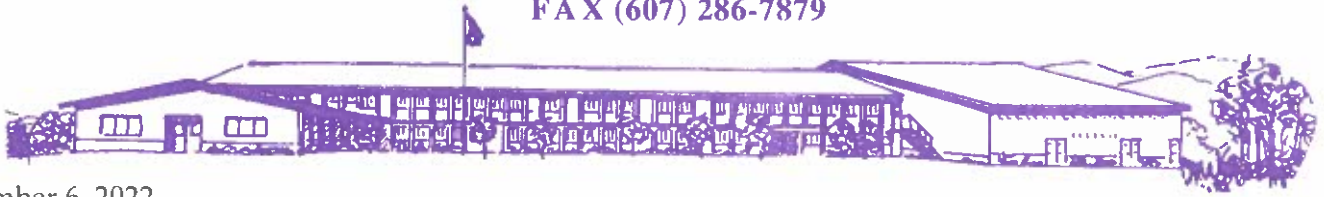


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Dear Milford Central School Families,

The New York State Education Department and the New York State Health Department recently issued joint guidance for schools regarding COVID-19 protocols. Given their guidance, I am pleased to say that our school year will more closely resemble pre-COVID routines. However, with COVID infections still occurring, there are a few protocols that remain in place.

We have provided an outline of these remaining protocols, which align with the guidance given to schools and recommended by the CDC. Full details, including *COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies for Parents and Caregivers* and Frequently Asked Questions issued by NYSED and DOH can be found by clicking [HERE](#) and on our district website.

Milford Central School is committed to providing your children with an environment conducive for learning, while at the same time caring for the health and safety of all our students. We will continue to monitor COVID-19 community levels and adjust our mitigation strategies when necessary.

The district has a supply of at home test kits which are available to all students and families upon request. Please contact the nurses office for more information.

Please review our protocols on the following page and feel free to contact us with questions that you may have. Thank you for your continued support of Milford Central School

Sincerely,



Kristen M. Shearer
Superintendent

Milford Central School COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols

Topic	Protocol
Close Contact Quarantine	Individuals are <u>no longer required</u> to quarantine when in close contact to a known positive COVID-19 individual.
Individuals with Symptoms of COVID-19	<p>Individuals who show symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections will be sent home.</p> <p>The CDC has identified COVID-19 symptoms as, but not limited to: cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea.</p> <p>Individuals may return to school upon a negative COVID-19 test or 5-day isolation period, whichever comes first.</p>
Individuals Testing Positive for COVID-19	<p>Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 must isolate at home for a period of 5 days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day symptoms begin. For asymptomatic individuals, Day 0 is the day the positive test was administered.</p> <p>Individuals may return to school after the 5 day isolation period given the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • They are fever free without fever reducing medication for 24 hours and other symptoms are improving. • They wear a well-fitted mask on days 6-10 following the isolation period.
Acceptable COVID-19 Tests	<p>Acceptable tests: At-home rapid COVID-19 tests or COVID-19 tests administered by a physician.</p> <p>Negative at-home COVID-19 Attestation Form or Physician issued negative test result must be provided if returning prior to the 5-day isolation period.</p>
Masks	<p><u>Universal masking is not required</u>, but accepted if an individual chooses.</p> <p>Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 must wear a well-fitted mask on days 6-10 following the isolation period.</p> <p>Individuals may end the mask requirement earlier than day 10 with two at-home negative antigen tests separated by 48 hours.</p>
Instruction During Isolation	Missed work will be accessible on Google Classroom by students or by paper to be picked up by an individual not in isolation