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To: BOCES District Superintendents
   Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools
   Principals of Public Schools
   Charter School Leaders
   School Health Personnel

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Subject: New York State Department of Health Updated Isolation & Quarantine Guidance
Released January 14, 2022

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on January 14 2022 released
Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidance. This guidance clarified COVID-19 quarantine
and isolation procedures and provided Frequently Asked Questions for Schools related to
contact tracing. Schools are no longer required to contact trace when a student or staff
member tests positive, has symptoms of, or is exposed to COVID-19.

In addition the NYSDOH Contact Tracing Webpage provides charts to assist in determining
what action is necessary based on exposure to COVID-19: People with Known Exposure
to COVID-19 Who Do Not Have Symptoms, "Quarantine" and Isolation for the General
Public. This webpage also includes a section related to Schools (K-12) and Quarantine,
Affirmation of Isolation and Affirmation of Quarantine Forms, and a Frequently Asked
Questions section.

Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions at
studentsupportservices@nysed.gov or at 518-486-6090.