



November 5, 2021

Dear Families and Staff,

This letter serves to inform you of updated information related to COVID-19 vaccination and quarantine protocols.

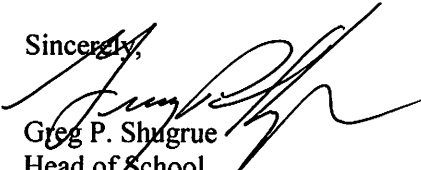
As of Thursday, November 4, 2021, Connecticut is implementing a “Screen and Stay” program. This program will support direct contacts of a COVID-19 case to remain in school as long as they are asymptomatic. Data has shown that in-school transmission is very rare throughout Connecticut. This program will help to lessen the impact of quarantine on families and ensure that students continue in-person learning when they are healthy. Here is the link to Governor Lamont’s Press conference and “Screen and Stay” protocols: [Governor-Lamont-Announces-the-Screen-and-Stay-Initiative-for-Connecticut-Schools](#)

Important information related to “Screen and Stay” and quarantine protocols:

1. If you are identified as a “direct contact” you may qualify for the “Screen and Stay” program. Parents/Staff members will be required to submit a daily attestation using this form by 7:00 a.m. If the form is not submitted by 7:00 a.m., the student/staff member may not report to school/work. [FORM - Screen and Stay Attestation](#)
2. The requirements to participate in “Screen and Stay” are:
 - a) My exposure was exclusive during the school day (no extracurricular or social contact);
 - b) My exposure, if indoors or on a school bus or other school transportation, and both the contact and the COVID-19 case were consistently masked during the exposure even if brief unmasked periods (e.g., snack time, cafeteria) occurred, as long as six feet or more of space was consistently maintained;
 - c) My exposure, if outdoors, the individuals were masked or unmasked but were supervised by staff (e.g., mask breaks, physical education, recess);
 - d) As a close contact, I must remain asymptomatic (any symptoms revert to regular isolation/quarantine).
3. You are not eligible to participate in the “Screen and Stay” program based on the following:
 - a) My contact with a case happened during interscholastic or other athletic activities (other than during supervised outdoor physical education and recess);
 - b) My contact occurred during social interactions or similar activities outside of school (e.g., birthday parties, dining out, sleepovers);
 - c) My contact was where the individuals were not consistently and correctly wearing masks indoors and a six-foot distance was not maintained;
 - d) My contact occurred between members of the same household (i.e., the contact lives with the case);
 - e) If, upon my return to school, the contact cannot consistently and correctly wear a mask;
 - f) I have any symptom(s) of COVID-19;
4. If you are a positive COVID-19 case or are symptomatic, you are required to follow the 10-day quarantine protocols.

This letter will be posted to our COVID-19 Informational Page on The Gilbert School website.

Sincerely,


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Head of School