

**TOWNSHIP OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PROTOCOL FOR SCHOOL EXCLUSION FOR INDIVIDUALS (STUDENTS AND
STAFF) IDENTIFIED AS IN-SCHOOL CLOSE CONTACTS OF COVID-19**

Effective December 14, 2021, District protocol for in-school close contacts shall be as follows:

- In-school close contacts of a COVID-19 positive individual shall be notified of their status as a close contact.
- Such individuals shall not be excluded from school/work, but may voluntarily be excused for self-quarantine. Students who voluntarily self-quarantine due to being identified as an in-school close contact shall be eligible for supplemental instruction for up to ten (10) days from the date of close contact.
- Designated close contacts shall monitor for COVID-19 symptoms daily and shall not appear for school should symptoms be present.
- The Centers for Disease Control recommend that any individual designated as a close contact undergo COVID-19 screening testing five (5) days after close contact. The District shall make COVID-19 testing available for any close contact upon request, and provided that State funds remain available for such testing.
- The District will continue to monitor data and adjust protocols accordingly.
- This protocol is limited to in-school close contacts and does not affect close contacts occurring outside of school.