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Dear Cleveland Hill School Community;

We learned this morning from the Erie County Department of Health that the 60-minute proximate contact tracing that has been used by ECDOH Contract Tracers is no longer being applied. This means a student or teacher who has been in a room for 60 minutes or more with someone who has tested positive is no longer required to quarantine, as long as they are following all other safety protocols.

Their decision to do this was based on three months and hundreds of case investigations within schools, which have shown that student transmission is incredibly rare. Again, we have had no cases of COVID-19 transmission found here in our schools. I also want to remind you that this 60-minute proximate contact guidance was only being applied in classroom settings in a handful of counties in the state.

All individuals who have been placed into quarantine from contract tracing done here at school have been a result of this now suspended 60-minute proximate contact. By continuing to follow our reopening plan and established safety procedures, individuals or entire classrooms should be not required to quarantine, as long as safety procedures and protocols are followed. Specifically, no one should be within six feet of any individual for more than ten minutes, with or without a mask.

It is still vitally important that all of us continue our diligent efforts in using the health screening survey prior to coming to school or work. If you have any COVID type symptoms – stay home and contact our Health Office. If you are waiting on a COVID test result, do not come back to school until you have received those results. Our partnership in this regard is vital to our success moving forward.

I hope that this new guidance alleviates some of the concern people have shared with me about having to quarantine over the holidays.

Sincerely,

Mr. Jon MacSwan

Superintendent of Schools