



Barker Central School

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Dear Parents/Legal Guardians and Barker Learning Community,

As noted in past communications, the District has been working with the Niagara County Department of Health to develop a Test to Stay strategy to help reduce the amount of instructional time students may lose due to a potential exposure to Covid that resulted in a quarantine.

Barker will be implementing this strategy for students who become quarantined on or after January 18, 2022.

If your student is identified as a close contact requiring a quarantine you will be contacted by the school Nurse, or another support staff, with specific instructions of what needs to occur for your child to continue attending school in person during their quarantine period. Also, an informational sheet will be provided to you with details on what must be done to meet all requirements for a safe return to school during this time. In order to stay in school, a student must not have any symptoms and is required to test each day the student will attend school during their quarantine period. The District will provide families with enough tests for each day of the 5-day period that the student will be under the Test to Stay protocol. **All at home test results must be reported before the student arrives at school EACH DAY, as noted on the informational sheet provided.** A template of the informational sheet can be found on the District website for your reference.

Please note that this strategy only releases your student from their 5-day quarantine to attend school during the regular school day. They may not participate in any extracurricular activities, sports, or anything outside their regular instructional day during their initial 5-day quarantine period. Once a student has completed their 5-day testing period, they no longer need to be tested before coming to school and they can return to regular school activities.

If you have any questions related to the quarantine of your child(ren), please contact Ms. McKee at 716-795-9322 or smckee@barkercsd.net.

As always, please continue to keep your students home from school if they are experiencing symptoms.

Sincerely,

Jacob L. Reimer
Superintendent