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**The following is current official guidance from Sullivan County Public Health Services as of 8/19/21.**

1. We consider Healthcare workers to still be “essential”, and they can continue to work if exposed and do not have to quarantine under the following conditions: They are fully vaccinated AND remain asymptomatic
2. We concur with CDC guidance and ALL vaccinated contacts may be advised that they do not have to quarantine unless they become symptomatic. If they become symptomatic we recommend that they should be tested 3-5 days after exposure AND wear a mask indoors for 14 days following exposure.
3. Sullivan County will NOT be accepting results of Home testing kits.  
If someone tests positive with a home test they should be advised to get a rapid antigen test at a provider’s office or PCR.
4. Advise all individuals to Quarantine if they have been in close contact (within 6 feet of someone for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period) with someone who has COVID-19, **unless they have been fully vaccinated.**
  - a. See #1.
5. Per CDC guidance, “Prevention strategies in sports and other extracurricular activities remain important and should comply with school day policies and procedures. People who are fully vaccinated can refrain from quarantine following a known exposure if asymptomatic, facilitating continued participation in in-person learning, sports, and extracurricular activities. Students should refrain from these activities when they have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 and should be tested.”
6. When school begins, Sullivan County Public Health Services will follow the CDC Guidance for K-12 schools.
7. We recommend universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.

Sincerely,

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