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Dear Moravia Families,

I wanted to make you all aware of the recent changes to the definition of *fully vaccinated* from the Cayuga County Health Department (CCHD) and specifically what that means for our students/staff in regards to quarantine determinations moving forward.

Prior to January 4th, a person was considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, or two weeks after a single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

Based on the new guidance, a person is now only considered to be fully vaccinated if they have met the requirements above AND have received the booster dose *(if eligible)* at least 2 weeks before the first date of exposure.

Due to the fact that many of our students (ages 12-17) have only recently been able to receive the booster shot, we have made the decision to implement a "grace period" to allow those that are interested to schedule an appointment and during this time period we will continue to base all district quarantine decisions on the original definition of what it meant to be fully vaccinated.

In practical terms, anyone interested in avoiding potential quarantine in the future should schedule an appointment between now and February 14th to meet the new district deadline of being fully-vaccinated *(including the booster)* by February 28th.

The frequent changes associated with this pandemic can be overwhelming and confusing at times. Please reach out if you have any questions needing greater clarification or check out our recently updated Covid-19 page <u>https://www.moraviaschool.org/Page/25</u> on the district website for a list of resources that may be of help.

Sincerely yours,

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