



September 23, 2021,

Subject: Confirmed Case of COVID-19 but NO exposure to School Community

Dear **J.H.S. 050 John D. Wells** at **183 SOUTH 3 STREET** Community:

Today we are writing to inform you that on September 20, a member of our school community tested positive for COVID-19. **Upon investigation, the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and the NYC Test & Trace Corps (T2) have concluded that there has been NO EXPOSURE to the school community because the person was NOT at school while infectious.**

Below you will find guidance that reflects the expertise of DOHMH, the New York City Department of Education (DOE) and T2.

How do we stay healthy?

All New Yorkers age 12 and older are eligible to be vaccinated for COVID-19. If someone is fully vaccinated, they do not have to miss school, sports or work if there is a case in their classroom. People who are between 12 and 17 years old are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine only; all older ages are eligible for all three vaccines. Find a vaccine site today at <https://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov/>. There is no cost to be vaccinated.

Please remember to follow these “Core Four” actions to prevent COVID-19 transmission:

1. **Stay home if sick** (except to get essential medical care, including COVID-19 testing).
2. **Practice social distancing**: Stay at least 6 feet away from people who are not members of your household.
3. **Wear a face covering** to reduce the spread of COVID-19
4. **Practice healthy hand hygiene**: Wash your hands often with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer; clean frequently touched surfaces regularly; avoid touching your face; and cover your cough or sneeze with your arm, not your hands.

How can I stay updated?

We will continue to closely follow directions from public health experts and proactively update you on any measures we are taking. To ensure we can reach you via text and email, please create a New York City Schools Account (NYCSA) as soon as possible by visiting schools.nyc.gov/nycsa.

To help New Yorkers quarantine, the NYC Test + Trace Corps partners with community-based organizations to connect individuals to resources like food, medicine, and health care. To connect with these resources, you can call **1-212-COVID19 (212-268-4319)**.



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For additional information on COVID-19, visit schools.nyc.gov/coronavirus or call 311. Thank you for your cooperation. Health and safety will always come first in New York City public schools, no matter what.

Sincerely,

Benjamin Honoroff