

Health and Safety Measures: Monitoring and Containment

General Information

- ✓ Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students will be reminded to stay home if they feel ill.
- ✓ Administration, Faculty, Staff and Students will be reminded to stay home if they were within less than six feet for a prolonged period of time with a person with COVID-19
- ✓ Training will be provided to all administration, faculty and staff on recognizing the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do if a child or adult are displaying symptoms.
- ✓ Information will be provided to parents on the signs and symptoms of COVID-19 in children
- ✓ Schools will ensure that any personnel performing in-person screening activities, including temperature checks, are appropriately protected from exposure to potentially infectious individuals entering the facilities. Personnel performing screening activities should be trained by employer-identified individuals who are familiar with CDC, DOH, and OSHA protocols.
- ✓ Screeners will be provided and use PPE, which includes at a minimum, an acceptable face covering or mask, and may also include gloves, a gown, and/or a face shield.

Daily Health Screening

Temperature Checks

It is the recommendation that parents take their child's temperature every day before leaving for school. If the child's temperature is 100.0 degrees or higher, the child should remain home and see a doctor.

Temperature screening and screening questions as outlined in the NYS Guidance for In-Person Instruction at Pre-K–Grade 12 Schools during the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency are to be taken as each staff member and student enters the building:

- Persons who have fevers of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or above or who are exhibiting other signs of illness shall not be admitted to the school.
- If the school has a nurse, the nurse will conduct the screening. In schools where a nurse is not present or is unable to conduct the screening, trained school personnel will be designated to do so.
- In schools utilizing multiple entrances to avoid gatherings and enhance social distancing a designated trained school personnel should be at each entrance to conduct the daily temperature check.

Schools are prohibited from keeping records of student, faculty, staff, and visitor health data (e.g., the specific temperature data of an individual), but are permitted to maintain records that confirm individuals were screened and the result of such screening (e.g., pass/fail, cleared/not cleared). (FERPA)

Health Screening Questionnaires

- Screening is strongly recommended to be conducted remotely (e.g. by electronic survey, digital application, or telephone, which may involve the parent/legal guardian), before the individual reports to school, to the extent possible; or may be performed on site at the school.
- Remote screening should be coordinated to identify individuals who should not go to school and should be referred to their health care provider for further evaluation and COVID-19 testing.
- On-site screening should be coordinated in a manner that prevents individuals from intermingling in close or proximate contact with each other prior to completion of the screening

Screening for all students, faculty, staff, must be completed using a questionnaire that determines whether the individual has:

- knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19;
- tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days; and/or
- has traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.
- Schools should implement health screening practices for unscheduled visitors (e.g., members of the public allowed to use school grounds).

Schools must require individuals to immediately disclose if and when their responses to any of the questions changes, such as if they begin to experience symptoms, including during or outside of school hours.

Symptoms and Signs of Illness

School Personnel will monitor staff and students throughout the day for signs of illness. Symptoms potentially include the following:

- Fever of 100.0 degrees Fahrenheit or higher
- Cough
- Stuffy nose
- Chills
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing
- Loss of taste or smell
- Congestion/runny nose

- Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea
- Muscle/body aches
- Fatigue
- Sore throat
- Headache

Screening Positive for COVID-19 Symptoms at School

Any individual who screens positive for COVID-19 exposure or symptoms, if screened at the school, must be immediately sent home as outlined below with instructions to contact their health care provider for assessment and testing.

- Schools must immediately move students who are exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms to the Isolation room where they will be monitored while they await pick-up and safe exit from the building.
- Isolation Rooms when in use, must be occupied by a school staff member wearing full PPE, with external ventilation increased within the area of isolation so as to encourage air flow (windows opened, non-mechanical ventilation disabled).
- Administration, Faculty or Staff will be discreetly asked to leave the building immediately and to report their symptoms to a medical professional.
- Schools and maintenance personnel will be required to close off and restrict the areas accessed by any sick individual or any individual exhibiting symptoms.
- The Isolation Room, or any room or area occupied by sick or symptomatic individuals, must not be reopened or utilized until cleaning and disinfection have taken place in an acceptable and prescribed manner following the CDC prescribed guidelines.
- Schools are to wait twenty-four (24) hours before custodians clean and disinfect the Isolation Room
- Staff members tasked with cleaning the affected areas must wear appropriate personal protective equipment and arrange for optimal ventilation conditions during the cleaning process.
- Schools are to advise sick staff members and students not to return to school until they have met the CDC criteria to discontinue home isolation for COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 related illnesses, which includes three days with no fever, an illustration that symptoms have improved, and ten (10) days elapsed since the symptoms first appeared.
- School leaders should monitor staff absenteeism as well as present symptoms or types of illness among students and staff to guide decision-making and next steps.
- All quarantine orders issued by the federal, state, and local government directives must be followed by students, faculty, and staff.

Reporting a Positive COVID-19 Case

- Principal should immediately notify Tom Chadzutko and Joan McMaster in writing with all relevant details of any confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Principals will be instructed on notifying the state and local health department about the case if diagnostic test results are positive for COVID-19 and follow the state and local health department guidance on notification and for next steps.
- Principals must then distribute this notification to school staff members and families once approved by the Office of the Superintendent. No identifying information is to be used in any communications regarding the individual who may be symptomatic
- Principals will coordinate with maintenance staff to ensure compliance with CDC disinfection procedures and timelines guidance.
- Schools will follow all health department directives on school closures, because of COVID-19.
- Schools in consultation with the local health department(s), about the requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment. This returning to learning requires a written note of medical clearance from a licensed NYS health care provider, proof of a negative COVID-19 testing after having no fever for three days, and symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, medical release from isolation.

In keeping with HIPAA law, at no time should the identity of the individual, who is COVID-19 positive, be revealed. Schools must take extreme and extenuating measures to protect the identity of the individual. This is a critical violation of a person's civil rights, and appropriate action for the failure to do so could result in disciplinary action up to and including termination.

PLEASE NOTE: Plan is subject to change according to state and local health agencies.