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# **COVID-19** Health and Safety Protocol

# FOUR PILLARS OF HEALTH AND SAFETY

## 1. Don't Come to School if You Feel Sick

## 2. Social Distance

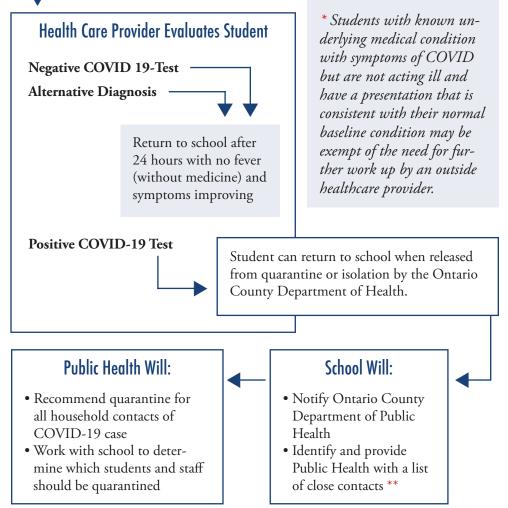
# 3. Wash Your Hands

## 4. Wear a Mask

While at school, if a student has a temperature >100° F, OR a student has symptoms of COVID-19, which may include:

Fever, Chills • Cough\* • Shortness of Breath\* • Nasal Congestion\*
Sore Throat • Nausea or Vomiting or Diarrhea\* • New Loss of Taste or Smell
• Fatigue\* • Headache\* • Muscle or Body Aches\* • Loss of appetite\*

School Nurse evaluates symptoms, refers ill student to primary care physician and sends home.



Quarantine Outcomes

All decisions are under the final guidance of the Ontario County Health Department

#### For Students

- If no symptoms develop, students can return to school 14 days from their last contact with the COVID-19 case
- If symptoms develop, students should be evaluated by a health care provider
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19. Student can return to school when released from quarantine or isolation by the Ontario County Department of Health.
- If a student tests negative for COVID-19, they must still complete their 14-day quarantine.

#### For Staff

- Staff may be considered critical personnel and can be allowed to return to work if there are staffing shortages as long as they remain asymptomatic
- Staff should take their own temperatures and screen for symptoms at the start of each day, and wear a mask to work
- If symptoms develop, they must isolate immediately and contact their health care provider.

#### **Individuals Previously Positive**

Those who have been previously diagnosed positive for COVID-19 within the past 12 weeks, and were exposed to a COVID-19 case do not need to quarantine.

\*\* Close Contacts: Individuals who have been within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes with a positive COVID-19 person during the infectious period. Contact may occur in a classroom, lunchroom, during transportation to or from school, at practices or games, and during extracurricular activities or events, etc.

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# WHEN TO STAY HOME

DO NOT come to school if any of these scenarios apply to you:

### Test positive for COVID-19

Stay home or go home if you are at school, inform school main office, contact the Ontario County Health Department. Student can return to school when released from quarantine or isolation by the Ontario County Department of Health.

### Have symptoms of COVID-19 but have not had a test

Stay home or go home if you are at school, inform school main office, isolate for at least 10 days following the onset of illness, contact primary care physician for testing.

# Come in contact with a person who is confirmed positive for COVID-19

Stay home or go home if you are at school, inform school main office, inform Ontario County Health Department for possible quarantine.

# Come in contact with a suspected case or a person who has symptoms

Self-monitor and practice safety precautions, contact primary care physician, act based on the suspected case's COVID-19 results.

# Return from an area under travel advisory

Quarantine for 14 days upon arrival back in New York State per NYS Executive Order 205.

## SCREENING

Staff will complete a daily health screening via their computer or the VCS "Stay Safe" Daily Screening Application. Parents/guardians will submit a daily health screening for each child via the "Stay Safe" application prior to sending their child to school. The District is requesting that parents complete the form one hour prior to the child's arrival at school. The Health Office in each building will monitor, respond to and maintain the screening results.

### **TESTING RESULTS PROTOCOL**

The District will not test for COVID-19.

When a student presents with one or more symptoms related to COVID-19 while in school, they will be assessed by the school nurse. If the student needs to go home, the following will occur:

A student's parent/guardian will be contacted by the school nurse and/or administrator following the assessment from the school nurse. Parents/guardians will be expected to pick up a sick child immediately upon request. The parent/ guardian will be directed to contact the child's medical provider and seek guidance.

A child who receives COVID-19 testing with a negative result will be allowed to return to school with documentation of the test result and are fever-free (without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours and symptoms improving.

A child who receives a positive result will remain out of school for a minimum of 10 days since the start of symptoms and are fever-free (without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours. Return to school will be determined by the Ontario County Health Department.

A student who is sent home from school and follows up with their medical provider can return to school if the medical provider believes the symptoms are unrelated to COVID-19 and part of some other illness. The student could return to school with a doctor's note of diagnosis and when the student is fever-free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications) and symptoms improving. Should a parent/guardian not choose to have the symptomatic child tested, the child will need to remain out of school for 10 days from the onset of symptoms and be fever-free (without fever-reducing medications) and symptoms improving.

When a staff member presents with one or more symptoms related to COVID-19 while in school, they will be assessed by the school nurse. If the staff member needs to go home, the following will occur:

A staff member will be asked to leave the building with any assistance from the nurse or administrator. The staff member will contact their primary care physician for medical guidance.

Staff who are not affiliated with a school building will report directly to their supervisor. The supervisor will release any staff member from their work day who is demonstrating symptoms. The supervisor will contact the School Nurse Coordinator for follow-up with the staff member.

## **CONTACT TRACING PROTOCOL**

The District will work directly with the Ontario County Department of Health if a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19. A list of close contacts will be provided to the Department of Health upon request and council parents/guardians or staff on the need for quarantine. The District will cooperate with all contact tracing and quarantine efforts. The return to school of a student or staff member testing positive will be coordinated by the local health department. A positive result will not automatically prompt a school building closure. Consultation with the Ontario County Department of Health will guide the District's decision around closure.

Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state regulations.

If a student or staff member exhibited symptoms of COVID-19, but is not diagnosed with COVID-19, the District will follow the CDC's guidance for return to school.