

Summary of COVID-19 School Guidance:

from Screening to Returning to School

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HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
Public Health Unit

SCREENING

All students, faculty, staff, visitors, contractors, vendors

- Questionnaire
- Before or at Entry

In person screening (page 20*):
PPE= face mask/covering
May also include gloves, gown &/or face shield.
Separate PUI from others

- In the last 14 days (page 19*)
1. Been in contact with COVID?
 2. Tested positive yourself for COVID?
 3. Experienced any COVID symptoms including temp >100?
 4. Traveled from NYS Travel Advisory State or internally?

Stay home OR
Send to designated area

In person care for PUI (page 20*):
PPE= standard and transmission-based precautions
Gloves
Gown
Fit-Tested N-95
Eye Protection

- Designated Area (page 38**)
- Room or area separate from others
 - Supervising adult present in PPE
 - Multiple students may utilize room if all suspected of COVID-19 **AND** they can be separated by at least 6 feet

Pick Up/Leave School

- Go home or
- Go to healthcare provider for assessment and testing

*Page references are for NYSDOH Interim Guidance for In-Person Instruction

**Page references are for NYSED Reopening Guidance

PROVIDER VISIT

Provider determines COVID testing IS appropriate



Self-isolate until results are received



Positive

Negative

Provider determines COVID testing is NOT appropriate



Alternate diagnosis documentation



Follow existing school policy regarding exclusion/re-entry

POSITIVE TEST RESULTS

Healthcare Provider or Testing Location

- Notifies case (or parent/guardian) of result
- Notifies ECHD of result

Essex County Health Department

- Contacts case (or parent/guardian) to begin investigation

School

- Excludes student (case) from school per health department Order of Isolation

CONTACT TRACING & TRACKING

Essex County Health
Department



Leads Investigation



Issues Isolation for all cases & Quarantine
Orders for all contacts



Performs daily monitoring for all cases and
contacts



Releases cases and contacts from Isolation &
Quarantine

School



Keeps accurate attendance records of
students **AND** staff members



Ensures student schedules are up-to-date



Keeps a log of all visitors, vendors, contract
staff, etc. which includes date, time in/time
out, and where in the school they visited



Assists health department with investigation,
including (but not limited to) identifying
contacts of positive case

RETURN TO SCHOOL

Symptomatic

Documentation from healthcare provider following evaluation

Negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result

Symptom resolution

COVID-19 Positive

It has been at least 10 days since symptoms began

It has been at least 3 days since fever (without use of medications)

Symptom improvement

COMMUNICATIONS

Schools should identify:

- Threshold for notifying faculty/staff
- Threshold for notifying school community
- A coordinator or point-of-contact responsible for all COVID-19 related communications