

Hermon-DeKalb Central Screening and Testing Plan

Screening:

The Department of Health Guidelines:

Responsible Parties must implement mandatory health screenings, including temperature checks, of students, faculty, staff, and, where applicable, contractors, vendors, and visitors to identify any individuals who may have COVID-19 or who may have been exposed to the COVID-19 virus.

Specifically, all individuals must have their temperature checked each day. If an individual presents a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, the individual must be denied entry into the facility or sent directly to a dedicated area prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home. Responsible Parties must also use a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff reporting to school; and periodically use a questionnaire for students, particularly younger students, who may require the assistance of their parent/legal guardian to answer.

Remote health screening (e.g., by electronic survey, digital application, or telephone, which may involve the parent/legal guardian) before any individual reports to school, is strongly advised.

NYS Education Department Requirements for Screening:

- District/school plan has a written protocol for daily temperature screenings of all students and staff, along with a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff and periodic use of the questionnaire for students.
- District/school plan requires that ill students and staff be assessed by the school nurse (registered professional nurse, RN) or medical director and that if a school nurse or medical director is not available, **ill students and staff will be sent home for follow up with a healthcare provider.**
- District/school plan has written protocol requiring students or staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire to be sent directly to a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home.
- District/school plan has a written protocol to instruct parents/guardians to observe for signs of illness in their child that require staying home from school.

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Staff members will be required to complete a daily screening APP that will be reported to their direct supervisor. This remote screening will include four questions that determine if the individual has the following:

- a. 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 had symptoms of COVID-19;
- b. Tested positive through diagnostic testing for COVID-19 in the past 14 days;
- c. Has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including temperature of greater than 100.0F, in the past 14 days;
- d. 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.

Students' screening will take place at home before coming to school. Parents will be required to complete a periodic agreement that they will prescreen students as to the questions listed above as well as other COVID -19 Symptoms.

Testing:

Department of Health Guidelines:

-- Testing Protocols: Process for the provision or referral of diagnostic testing for students, faculty and staff for COVID 19 in consultation with local health department officials, when needed, which should include plans for testing of symptomatic individuals, close contacts of COVID 19 suspected or confirmed individuals and individuals with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID 19 as designated through the New York State Travel Advisory before allowing such individuals to return to in person to the school.

-- Testing Responsibility: Identification of who in the community is responsible for referring, sourcing and administering testing (e. local health department testing site, physician offices, hospital system) particularly in the event that large scale testing at the school is needed; and

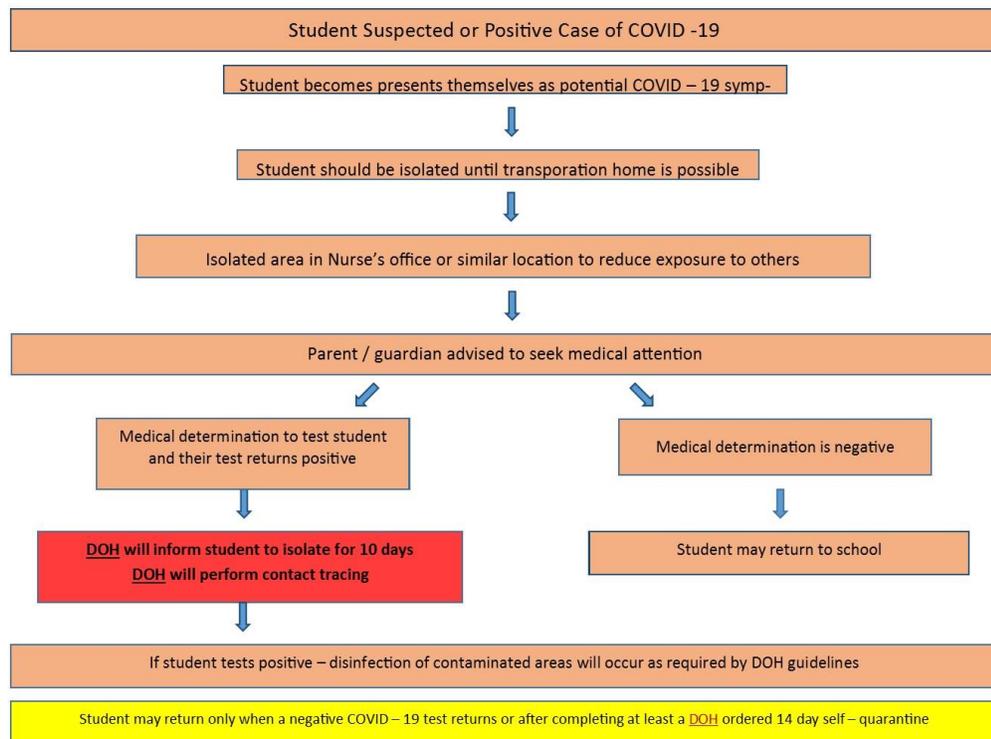
Suspected Student Illness Onset During School Day:

1. Call school nurse regarding sending student with illness to health office and/or student presents with potential COVID-19 symptoms;

2. Nurse donned PPE including, but not limited to, mask, face shield/goggles, and gloves; student illness will utilize inter office sick room;
3. Complete nursing assessment including temperature;
4. **Outcome - Possible or suspected COVID-19:**
 - **Contact parent/guardian for immediate pick up, verbal and written format, advising need for medical evaluation;**
 - **Move to isolation area;**
 - **Nursing assessment of siblings residing same household; sibling students also sent home;**
 - **DOH advised;**

 - **Medical determination test, Positive**
 - DOH will inform students to isolate for 14 days; DOH will perform contact tracing;
 - disinfection of contaminated areas will occur as required by DOH guidelines.

 - **Medical determination test, Negative :**
 - **COVID-19 test or student completed DOH ordered 14 day self-quarantine**
 - **MD note or DOH to release from quarantine**
5. **Outcome - Medical determination, Negative:**
 - Student may return to school if normal temperature without fever reducers for 3 days and 24 hours of feeling well;
 - Improved symptoms;
 - 10 days from initial symptoms;
 - If another diagnosis, MD note to return to school is required.



How can I be tested? - Continue to [this link](#) and follow the directions or consult with your doctor.

Parents or caregivers who have concerns about their child’s health, including concerns about [COVID-19](#) or MIS-C, should call a pediatrician or other healthcare provider immediately. Healthcare providers can follow [CDC recommendations](#) to keep children and their parents or caregivers safe if an in-person visit is needed.

Tracing

If our school has a confirmed positive case of COVID - 19, the NYS Department of Health will conduct [contact tracing](#) to identify who may have had high exposure to the person infected.

Contact tracing will be conducted by the department of health to limit the community spread of COVID-19. Districts/BOCES should take steps to make contact tracing easier

for Public Health workers. Districts/BOCES should keep a log of any visitors to their buildings, which includes the individual's name, the time they arrived and left, their intended destination in the building, and their phone number which may be provided to Public Health officials for contact tracing purposes.

- Districts/BOCES should also ensure that employees use their issued badges/fobs to “swipe in” to gain access to the building so that a timestamped record of entry is maintained. Tracing will be conducted by Public Health for [close contacts](#) (any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) of laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.
- Tracing functions in the following ways:
 - For COVID-19, a [close contact](#) is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.
 - The public health evaluation of close contacts to patients with laboratory-confirmed or probable COVID-19 may vary depending on the exposure setting. Contacts in special populations and/or congregate settings require additional considerations and may need handoff to a senior health department investigator or special team.
 - Remote communications for the purposes of case investigation and contact tracing should be prioritized; in-person communication may be considered only after remote options have been exhausted.
 - Testing is recommended for all close contacts of confirmed or probable COVID-19 patients.
 - Those contacts who test positive (symptomatic or asymptomatic) should be [managed as a confirmed COVID-19 case](#).
 - Asymptomatic contacts testing negative should self-quarantine for 14 days from their last exposure (i.e., close encounter with confirmed or probable COVID-19 case)
 - If testing is not available, symptomatic close contacts should self-isolate and be [managed as a probable COVID-19 case](#).
 - If testing is not available, asymptomatic close contacts should self-quarantine and be monitored for 14 days after their last exposure, with linkage to clinical care for those who develop symptoms.