

# ONONDAGA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/SCHOOLS COVID-19 Protocol: Symptomatic or Positive Student/Staff

**Student or staff has one or more symptoms of COVID-19, such as** a temperature of 100° F or higher when taken by mouth; sore throat; new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline); new loss of taste or smell; diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain; new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever.

*People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported. This list does not include all possible symptoms. See full list of symptoms at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/symptom-screening.html)*

Isolate and send home immediately. Inform student (parent/guardian) or staff that they must be evaluated by a healthcare provider before returning to school.

Note from healthcare provider diagnoses student or staff with another condition and clears them to return to school

Negative COVID-19 test result

Allow student/staff to return to school when fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication and symptoms have progressively improved.

Positive test result/ COVID-19 diagnosis

Placed in isolation by OCHD for a minimum of 10 days. Can return to school when officially released from isolation by OCHD.

Student/staff tests positive for COVID-19 as a result of school testing; school notifies OCHD of positive case

- OCHD contacts school district and student/parent/guardian or staff to perform case investigation and contact tracing.
  - OCHD will notify the school for collaboration with contact tracing and to identify close contacts\*.
  - Close contacts quarantined for 14 days from the date of last exposure, advised to monitor for symptoms, and recommended for a diagnostic test 5 days or more after exposure.
- \*Close contacts: within 6 feet or less for more than 15 minutes; within one row on bus; sleepover; or in same pod*

Contacts to positive case can return to school after 14-day quarantine period.

