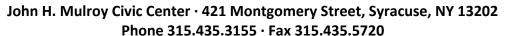


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Onondaga County Health Department's Revised Quarantine Guidelines for All Onondaga County Schools Districts: Feb 6,2021

Important considerations:

- 1. Close contact is defined as:
 - a. 6 ft X10 minutes with or without mask.
 - 6 ft X 15 minutes cumulative within 24 hrs with our without mask.
- 2. Recommend to have individual student (s) assigned seats to identify close contacts as in (1).
- 3. Importance of whether case is symptomatic or asymptomatic.
- 4. Importance whether there is an outbreak (2 or more clusters in the same school within 14 days period).
- 5. Strict observance of mask.
- 6. Infection rates in Onondaga County.
- 7. Increased rates of hospitalizations in Onondaga County.
- 8. Spread of new variance of SARS-CoV-2 virus in Onondaga county.
- 9. So far we have not seen any evidence of transmission of SARS-CoV2 in schools of Onondaga County, however with start of winter high-risk sports, we will be closely monitoring infections within the sports team with the concern for transmission of infection in the school community.

K-12 Students: if no seat assignments

Symptomatic case in the classrooms:

- MQ students after 2 hour in a room, regardless of size, seating arrangements
- Teachers and TAs: MQ teacher after 2 hours in a room, regardless of size, seating arrangements

Asymptomatic case in the classroom: No MQ for teacher or students if

- School Administrator attests for use of mask and strict adherence of seating of 6 ' or more between students
- Notifies everyone of positive case and monitoring of symptoms for ten days after exposure.

K-12 students with known seat assignments in each class:

Required: Attestation of strict adherence of mask wearing and physical distancing of 6' between students and with the teachers by the school administrator.

- For symptomatic case: Only those adjacent to the case can be considered for mandatory quarantine for 10 days. The rest of the class should be notified with recommendation to monitor for signs/symptoms for 10 days after exposure.
- For asymptomatic case: No mandatory quarantine will be required. A notification to the class still will be required.

Lunch:

Lunch: masks typically off, so MQ students adjacent to the case (if known), but not the whole group, no MQ staffs as they wear mask and lunch period is < 1 hr.



Gym:

Typically wearing masks, 12ft spacing in gym class, so no MQ regardless of length of gym class- unless they are doing contact sports & getting closer than 6 ft- then review case by case.

Buses (all ages):

- MQ only if in adjacent seats (in front, behind, directly across) for over 15 min
- Shorter rides, or individuals sitting farther away: no MQ.

Staff (COVID+ "staff to staff" exposures):

Use general rule of MQ for:

- 10 minutes exposure within 6 feet and with or with out mask
- 15 cumulative minutes (in 24 hr period) closer than 6ft, regardless of mask usage or room size.

School will continue to Discuss with Health Dept K-12 investigating team and email information as before to k-12 email box and upload documents to the portal.

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