

Protocol for Symptomatic or Positive COVID-19 Student or Staff

Student or Staff is Symptomatic

Fever, cough, shortness of breath, headache, fatigue, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle or body aches CDC symptoms at: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/

Interim guidance until further guidance issued by NYSDOH:

Student or staff has note from a medical provider, negative COVID-19 test and symptoms have resolved or it has been 10 days from onset of symptoms

Isolate and send home immediately. Inform student or staff they must seek medical attention and must have provider note, negative COVID-19 test, and no more symptoms before returning

Student or staff test positive for COVID-19. School notifies SCPHS of COVID case, with name, address, phone number, and D.O.B. Call Schenectady County Public Health Services at 518-386-2824 option 4



Allow student or staff to return

Positive student or staff will be isolated for a minimum of 10 days from start of symptoms.
Student or staff must be 24 hours without a fever, or use of fever-reducing medications, and have a progressive improvement in symptoms before returning.
An isolation release letter will be given from SCPHS.

- . Schenectady County Public Health Services (SCPHS) contacts student, parent, or staff to perform case investigation and contact tracing.
- 2. SCPHS will notify the school for collaboration with contact tracing and to identify contacts requiring quarantine.
- 3. Close contacts include persons within 6 ft or less for more than 10 minutes. Contact tracers may also consider duration and proximity of contact and other criteria in determining close contacts. In some cases, proximate contacts who were in the same room more than six feet apart may require quarantine as well.
- 4. Contacts requiring quarantine will need to remain in quarantine for 14 days from the last exposure, will advised to monitor symptoms, and recommended to get a diagnostic test 5 days or more after exposure.

Contacts to positive case can return to school after 14 day period, with quarantine release letter from SCPHS.