



## ATTACHMENT B

### 2021- 2022 School COVID-19 Case Assessment and Contact Tracing Protocol

#### Student or Staff is Symptomatic with:

- Fever greater than 100.0°F (alone or with any other symptom/s)
- Persistent cough (without history of previous condition i.e. asthma, allergies etc. or other explanation)
- Loss of smell and/or taste
- Vomiting and/or Diarrhea (without history of previous condition i.e. Chrons, IBS, food sensitivity, anxiety etc. or other explanation)
- Headache, congestion and sore throat (without history of previous condition i.e. allergies or other explanation)

**\*Assess each individual case as its own, use clinical assessment and professional judgment when evaluating symptoms**

- Isolate and send home.
- Advise student parent/guardian or staff **if symptoms do not improve or resolve in 48 hours to notify and consult with Primary Care Physician.**
- **If symptomatic individual is seen by PCP:** the individual may return to school with a Doctor's note or physician documentation (such as a copy of the clinical visit summary) verifying diagnosis other than COVID.
- **If a COVID test has been performed** the individual **must** quarantine until he/she has proof of negative test results. May return to school with proof of negative result.
- If COVID-19 test results are positive please follow the next step.....

#### **Student or staff tests positive for COVID:**

- School to notify Public Health of positive case via email to "MCPH COVID Contact Tracing Group Email" (attached).
- Public Health staff will confirm receipt of email (if received after 4:00 pm will confirm next business day)
- School to begin internal contact tracing of positive case

#### Contact Tracing:

- Per NYSDOH update a close contact for students is defined as a person who was within 3 feet or less for more than 15 minutes (as long as both individuals are masked) of the positive case 48 hours prior to symptom onset until last day in school. **If no masks were worn then close contact is 6 feet or less for more than 15 minutes. The 3 foot rule, per NYSDOH, does not apply to staff.** IF positive case is asymptomatic contact tracing will begin 48 hours prior to test date. Report the latest date the contact was with positive case.
  - ✓ **If close contact has tested positive within 90 days of exposure or has been fully vaccinated** (at least 14 days from last dose of vaccination series), **the individual is exempt from quarantine.** However, advise to monitor for s/s for 10-14 days from exposure. If the individual develops symptoms during this time it is recommended to self-quarantine and contact PCP.
- The school should report any individual who fits the close contact criteria (even those "exempt") and had exposure to the case on school property or during a school based activity (i.e. sporting or extracurricular activities/events, or school transportation)
- The school to complete the initial notification of exposure to identified contacts and/or parent/guardian if contact is a minor
  - ✓ If this occurs during school hours the individual must leave school property as soon as possible.
- The school to advise close contacts to quarantine for 10 days from last date of potential exposure to positive case, monitor for symptoms and contact their primary care physician. In addition, advise they will be receiving a call from NYSDOH contract tracers within 24-48 hours for further quarantine guidance/paperwork.
- The school to then submit the close contact list to Public Health (please see contact tracing chart attached) via email or fax.
- Public Health uploads contact to NYSDOH Tracing System under positive case file. Tracer will contact the individual and place on 10 day quarantine.
- ❖ NYSDOH Case Investigation Staff will contact Parent/Guardian of **positive** student or positive staff to perform case investigation (if the case is NOT a Montgomery County Resident the case will go to the county of residency of that positive case). NYS Case Investigators will

- Positive student or staff will isolate for 10 days from start of symptoms (or test date if no symptoms.)

- Close contacts to a positive case can return to school after 10 day quarantine period from date of exposure.