



LANSINGBURGH

— CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT —

COVID-19 Testing Plan

Per the New York State Department of Education's guidance to schools for reopening, [Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing: The Spirit of New York's Schools](#), "it is strongly recommended that schools comply with CDC guidance and not conduct COVID-19 testing or require testing or antibody testing of students or staff members. The decision of whether a test needs to be conducted should be determined by a healthcare provider or the local department of health. [CDC Interim Considerations for K-12 School Administrators for SARS-CoV-2 Testing](#) Schools should identify who in the community is responsible for referring, sourcing, and administering testing (e.g., local health department testing site, physician offices, hospital system) particularly in the event that large-scale testing at the school is needed. Schools wanting to perform COVID-19 testing must apply and be approved as a limited service laboratory (LSL). Please refer to the [instructions and application materials](#), and if applicable, the worksheet for [multiple locations](#)." Therefore, the school district will not be testing individuals. A list of regionally available testing locations is available at the bottom of this document for individuals that may want to be tested on their own. School district health care professionals will refer symptomatic individuals to their primary care provider (PCP) for testing.

SYMPTOM SCREENING PROCESS

In the event an individual screens confirmed for COVID-19 symptoms while at school, meaning that they have a fever, or appear symptomatic while at school with any of the [COVID-19 symptoms identified by the CDC](#), they will be placed in an isolation area. For students, parents/guardians will be called to pick the student up from school immediately. Staff members will be asked to leave immediately. Individuals will be referred to their primary care provider (PCP) for evaluation. If the primary care provider (PCP) determines that the symptoms *are not* COVID-19 related, a note from the primary care provider (PCP) stating such diagnosis must be provided in order to return to school or work. If the primary care provider (PCP) determines that the symptoms *are* COVID-19 related, testing must occur.

It is imperative that individuals seek medical evaluation from their primary care provider (PCP) to determine whether or not these symptoms are related to a known or diagnosed condition other than COVID-19 (i.e. ear infection, allergies, etc.).

At the minimum, [New York State Department of Health Guidelines](#) requires “*documentation from a health care provider following evaluation, negative COVID 19 diagnostic test result and symptom resolution, or if COVID 19 positive, release from isolation.*” If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, isolation protocols will be required and release from isolation will be determined by the Rensselaer County Health Department. Any symptomatic student or staff awaiting testing results should self-quarantine and will not be allowed to return to school until released by a *negative* COVID-19 test result.

If an individual is confirmed as positive for COVID-19, isolation protocols will be required for 10 days per CDC guidelines. An individual must be in isolation for 10 days and symptom free for 72 hours before a release from isolation may be considered. Release from isolation will be determined solely by the Rensselaer County Health Department. A release letter provided the Rensselaer County Health Department will be required for the return to school.

If a confirmed test result occurs, the county of residency will be notified by the laboratory performing the test. Individuals will also be notified by either the initial testing facility or their local health department for negative results. **The parents of any student who has tested positive must notify the school district as soon as possible.** If this were to occur, the school district will contact the county of residency for confirmation and collaboration in beginning contact tracing activities. The district COVID-19 School Resource Person for the school will coordinate with the Rensselaer County Health Department for contact tracing purposes.

In the event a student is under mandatory quarantine by the Rensselaer County Health Department, the school district will provide remote learning options for the student for the length of their quarantine.

SCHOOL CLOSURE

School closure decisions will occur in consultation with the local health department. This may involve the closure of a classroom or entire facility depending on the quantity of suspected and/or confirmed cases. There may be no need to close to a school building if the local health department determines that the identified close contacts are excluded from school and the facility may continue normal operations. Full closure of a school facility may be necessary in some situations and will be implemented on a case-by-case basis.

COVID-19 TESTING SITES

<p><u>New York State Testing Site</u> State University New York at Albany 1400 Colonial Quad Albany NY 12208 Must make an appointment by Calling: 1-888-364-3065 or Completing an online form: www.covid19screening.health.ny.gov</p>	<p><u>Community Care Physicians</u> 713 Troy Schenectady Road Latham NY 12110 518-863-3600</p>
<p><u>Priority 1 Urgent Care</u> 2080 Western Ave Guilderland NY 12084 518-867-8040</p>	<p><u>Whitney Young</u> 920 Lark Drive Albany NY 12208 518-465-4771</p>
<p><u>Rite Aid - Colonie</u> 1863 Central Avenue Colonie NY 12205 518-267-3496</p>	<p><u>Columbia Memorial Hospital Rapid Care</u> 2827 Route 9 Valatie, NY 12184 518-758-4300</p>
<p><u>WellNow Urgent Care</u> 446 Fairview Avenue Hudson NY 12534 518-267-3496</p>	<p><u>Columbia County Department of Health</u> 325 Columbia Street Hudson NY 12534 518-828-3358 www.columbiacountynyhealth.com</p>
<p><u>Greene County Dept. of Health</u> 411 Main Street Catskill, NY 12414 518-719-3600</p>	<p><u>CareMount Medical Urgent Care</u> 6734 Route 9 Rhinebeck NY 12572 1-844-484-6564</p>
<p><u>Kingston Mid-Town Mobile Site</u> 27 Grand Street Kingston, NY 12401 845-303-2730</p>	<p><u>Emergency One Kingston</u> 40 Hurley Avenue Kingston, NY 12401 845-338-5600</p>