

## **COVID-19 MONITORING, SCREENING & TESTING**

### **COVID-19 MONITORING**

Families are expected to monitor their children for symptoms of COVID-19. Children with symptoms of COVID-19 must be kept home and should not board a Huntington school bus, attend school, etc.

According to the CDC, people afflicted with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Most afflicted children are asymptomatic or present with mild symptoms. Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after exposure to the virus. Symptoms may include those on the list below. Again, should children or staff present with any such symptoms, they should not attend school/work and contact their primary care physician, particularly if they exist in combination and/or persist.

- Fever (over 100.0°F) or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Staff will be educated to observe students or colleagues for signs of any type of illness, additional symptoms including:

- flushed cheeks;
- rapid or labored breathing;
- fatigue and/or irritability;
- frequent use of the bathroom.

Symptoms for which to look will be communicated to parents and staff directly and reinforced as needed. The updated list of symptoms is available on [Centers for Disease Control \(CDC\) website](#). Those exhibiting one or more symptoms or signs, with no other explanation for them, will be sent to the school nurse for further assessment. If the school nurse is not available, a parent/guardian will be contacted to pick up the student or the staff member will be sent home.

Parents/guardians must also monitor whether a student has been exposed to a family member or any member of the household who has experienced any of the symptoms above or diagnosed with COVID-19. Ultimately, the CDC and departments of health advise that students who are sick, have demonstrated any of the symptoms listed above, or have recently had close contact with a person with COVID-19 stay home and seek medical attention, including a test for COVID-19.

## **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS & TEMPERATURE CHECKS FOR STUDENTS**

Every student should have his/her temperature checked each day at home prior to boarding a school bus or entering a school building. The student (or parent/guardian) must answer screening questions on a designated electronic application/form, as follows:

1. Does the student currently have a temperature of 100.0°F or higher?
2. Has the student experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, in the past 14 days?
3. Has the student tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Has the student been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has/had symptoms of COVID-19?
5. Has the student traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) in the past 14 days?

Instruction will be provided on use of the electronic application/form prior to the onset of the school year.

Yes/no responses will be maintained as part of daily records. A designated staff member will review incoming reports. If a temperature of greater than 100.0° F for any student is recorded or if any of the questions are answered in the affirmative on a given day, the student should not board a school bus nor be dropped off at school. Should a student in this situation arrive at school, he/she will be sent to a designated isolation area prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home. The student/family must contact their primary health care provider for further assessment and, as warranted, follow local health department guidelines for 14-day quarantine (or as otherwise directed).

Additionally, all students will enter buildings through a temperature scanner that will take a reading on a forehead or wrist. A monitor will record simply whether or not individual students display a temperature of 100.0° F or higher. Those who display such a temperature will be rechecked using a hand-held temperature scanner. The individual monitoring the scanner will take all necessary health precautions in terms of physical barrier, PPE, hygiene, etc.

Those confirmed with a fever of 100.0° F or higher will be directed to the designated isolation area for parent/guardian-pick up. Parents/guardians will be provided with direction to contact a primary health care provider and should follow designated return-to-school protocol before the student re-enters.

## **DAILY HEALTH SCREENINGS & TEMPERATURE CHECKS FOR STAFF**

Prior to reporting to his/her respective building each day, each staff member is required to complete a confidential electronic daily health screening form. Five questions will be presented on the form:

1. Do you currently have a temperature of 100.0°F or higher?
2. Have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, in the past 14 days?
3. Have you tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?

4. Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has/had symptoms of COVID-19?
5. Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) in the past 14 days?

Yes/no responses will be maintained as part of daily records. A designated staff member will review incoming reports. If a staff member has reported in the affirmative to any of the five items on the form, he/she must remain home and contact his/her principal or the Human Resources office for additional direction.

Additionally, staff members will enter buildings each day through a temperature scanner that will take a reading on a forehead or wrist. A monitor will record simply whether or not individual staff members display a temperature of 100.0° F or higher. Those who display such a temperature will be rechecked using a hand-held temperature scanner. Those confirmed will be sent home and must adhere to designated return-to-work protocol before re-entering.

#### **HEALTH SCREENINGS & TEMPERATURE CHECKS FOR SCHOOL VISITORS**

Essential visitors (e.g., contracted service providers) will be required to answer the following five questions on a health screening form prior to entering a school building.

1. Do you currently have a temperature of 100.0°F or higher?
2. Have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of 100.0°F or higher, in the past 14 days?
3. Have you tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
4. Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has/had symptoms of COVID-19?
5. Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the [New York State Travel Advisory](#) in the past 14 days?

If the visitor responds in the affirmative to any of the five items, he/she will be denied entry.

Additionally, essential visitors will enter buildings each day through a temperature scanner that will take a reading on a forehead or wrist. A monitor will record simply whether or not individuals display a temperature of 100.0° F or higher. Those who display such a temperature will be rechecked using a hand-held temperature scanner. Those confirmed will be denied entry into a school building.

#### **SYMPTOM SCREENING, ISOLATION ROOMS**

School nurses and trained staff will be prepared on-site with the appropriate PPE (e.g., N95 or surgical mask, face shield, gloves, gown, etc.) and in a designated/separate room to screen students and staff who may be exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. If there is more than one individual exhibiting symptoms at the same time, the individuals will be separated in the room by at least 6 feet. The parent/guardian of a student in such a situation will be contacted to pick up the child. The student will remain under the visual supervision of but socially distanced from the nurse or trained staff member until the parent/guardian arrives. The parent/guardian will

be instructed to contact the child's primary health care provider. For those with insurance needs, Suffolk County has a comprehensive network of family health centers. More information can be found at <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Patient-Care/Health-Center>.

Should a student or staff member exhibit emergency warning signs (e.g., respiratory difficulty, pain or pressure in chest, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake, bluish lips or face, severe abdominal pain), the nurse or designee will call 911.

The designated room, and all other rooms occupied by symptomatic individuals, will be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected following their departure or when it is safe to do so.

### **COVID-19 TESTING & REFERRALS**

Individuals (i.e., students or staff) deemed COVID-19 symptomatic, or those answering any of the five questions outlined in the sections above related to daily health screenings, must be tested for COVID-19 as soon as practicable, as such testing is a primary component of return-to-school and return-to-work protocol.

Following screening and the identification of symptoms, the school nurse or an administrator will inform the parent or staff member of the testing requirement. Parents/guardians may visit their primary health care providers to pursue such testing. Alternatively, the district may refer those in need of testing to *HRHCare Health Center, (845) 553-8030*. Additional COVID-19 testing sites can be found at <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>.