



# HUDSON CITY 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 located at the bottom of this section for individuals that may want to be tested on their own (p. 3). School district health care professionals will refer symptomatic individuals to their primary care provider (PCP) for testing.

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 local health department of residency.

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 and symptom free for 72 hours, and release from isolation will be determined solely by the local health department of residency. A release letter provided the local health department of residency will be required for the return to school.



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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. The district COVID-19 School Resource Person for the school will coordinate with the local health department of residency for contact tracing purposes.

In the event a student is under mandatory quarantine by the local 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 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.



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## COVID-19 TESTING SITES

<p><b><u>New York State Testing Site</u></b>          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:  <a href="http://www.covid19screening.health.ny.gov">www.covid19screening.health.ny.gov</a></p>	<p><b><u>Greene County Public Health</u></b>          411 Main Street          Catskill, NY 12414           518-719-3600          By appointment only</p>
<p><b><u>CareMount Medical Urgent Care</u></b>          6734 Route 9          Rhinebeck NY 12572          845-231-5600</p>	<p><b><u>Kingston Mid-Town Mobile Site</u></b>          27 Grand Street          Kingston, NY 12401          845-303-2730          By appointment only</p>
<p><b><u>Columbia County Department of Health</u></b>          325 Columbia Street          Hudson NY 12534          518-828-3358  <a href="http://www.columbiacountynyhealth.com">www.columbiacountynyhealth.com</a></p>	<p><b><u>Priority 1 Urgent Care</u></b>          2080 Western Ave          Guilderland NY 12084           518-867-8040</p>
<p><b><u>Columbia Memorial Hospital Rapid Care</u></b>          2827 Route 9          Valatie, NY 12184           518-758-4300          need referral from County Department of Health</p>	<p><b><u>Rite Aid - Colonie</u></b>          1863 Central Avenue          Colonie NY 12205           518-267-3496          By appointment only</p>
<p><b><u>Community Care Physicians</u></b>          713 Troy Schenectady Road          Latham NY 12110           518-863-3600          By appointment only</p>	<p><b><u>WellNow Urgent Care</u></b>          446 Fairview Avenue          Hudson NY 12534           518-267-3496</p>
<p><b><u>Emergency One Kingston</u></b>          40 Hurley Avenue          Kingston, NY 12401           845-338-5600</p>	<p><b><u>Whitney Young</u></b>          920 Lark Drive          Albany NY 12208           518-465-4771          By appointment only</p>