

Reopening the York Central School District: Contact Tracing Protocols



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Background

Governor Andrew Cuomo hosted a conference call and provided updates on New York State's COVID-19 response. The call was conducted on August 7, 2020 at 11:30 AM. During the phone call, Governor Cuomo stated:

- Schools are authorized to reopen.
- The state will continue to monitor infection rates.
- The New York State Department of Health and New York State Education Department will approve reopening plans.
- Districts must perform the following additional tasks:
 - o Post specific components of reopening plans:
 - COVID-19 Testing Protocols
 - Contact Tracing Protocols
 - Remote Learning
 - o Advertise for and conduct three (3) meetings with parents/guardians between now and August 21, 2020.
 - o Conduct one (1) meeting with teachers.

Contact Tracing

Contact tracing is a public health function performed by local public health departments to trace all persons who had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. This allows public health officials to put in place isolation or other measures to limit the spread of the virus. The District will cooperate with state and local health department contact tracing. The District will assist the Department of Health in knowing who may have had contact at school with a confirmed case by:

- keeping accurate attendance records of students and staff members;
- ensuring student schedules are up to date;
- keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time and where in the school they visited; and
- Assist the Department of Health in tracing all contacts of the individual at school in accordance with the protocol, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program.

Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations. School staff will not determine who is to be excluded from school based on contact without guidance and direction from the Department of Health.

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