



## Department of Public Health

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# **SCHOOL COVID-19 GUIDE**

## ***for P-12 Administrators, Staff and Teachers***

*(Effective April 29, 2022)*

For more information, please visit our recently updated and comprehensive COVID-19 Resources page at: [www.MonroeCounty.gov/health-COVID-19](http://www.MonroeCounty.gov/health-COVID-19).

### **SCHOOL MASKING AND TESTING**

**Where can I find the latest guidance on school masking and COVID testing in New York State?**

Please see the [School Masking and Testing Guidance: FAQs for Schools](#), issued by the New York State Department of Health on March 1, 2022.

You can also watch the NYSDOH Office of School COVID Support's recent webinar, [Updated COVID-19 Guidance: From Isolation to Masking](#), which provides comprehensive information about New York's masking guidance for P-12 schools.

Email questions not addressed in the resources above to: NYSDOH Office of School COVID Support at [schoolquestionscovid@health.ny.gov](mailto:schoolquestionscovid@health.ny.gov)

### **ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE**

**Where can I find the latest school guidance on Isolation and Quarantine in New York State?**

Please see the [Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#), issued by the New York State Department of Health on March 1, 2022. It provides the following information:

- Who has to isolate or Quarantine
- How to isolate or Quarantine
- When to end isolation or Quarantine
- What to do after isolation or Quarantine

You can also watch the NYSDOH Office of School COVID Support's recent webinar, [Updated COVID-19 Guidance: From Isolation to Masking](#), which provides comprehensive information on isolation and quarantine guidance for P-12 schools.

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### **What if I need help determining the start or end date of a student/staff Isolation period?**

The CDC offers [a tool](#) that may be useful in calculating Isolation and Quarantine periods for individuals who test positive for COVID.

### **What if a student/staff member's symptoms are not improving after 5-day Isolation period is over?**

Follow the [NYSDOH Isolation & Quarantine Guidance](#), which requires patients to remain in isolation until there is no fever for 24 hours without the use of fever-inducing medication and other symptoms have improved. The patient should consider contacting a healthcare provider.

### **A student/staff needs to obtain an Isolation/Quarantine order. Where can they do this?**

Individuals can obtain an [Affirmation of Isolation](#) or [Affirmation of Quarantine](#) from the NYS Department of Health, which may be used for Isolation/Quarantine release *or* for New York Paid Family Leave COVID-19 claims as if it was an individual Order of Isolation/Quarantine. These forms are also available at [www.MonroeCounty.gov](http://www.MonroeCounty.gov).

## **REPORTING A POSITIVE COVID RESULT**

### **How will my school know when a student/staff member has tested positive for COVID?**

Staff/students should notify their school as soon as they are aware of their positive test result. Schools may determine how this notification occurs within their own district/building.

### **Does my school need to report positive results from COVID tests administered by the school to ECLRS?**

Yes, schools that are administering COVID tests are still required to enter positive results into the NYS Electronic Clinical Laboratory Reporting System (ECLRS). New York State recently made the reporting of negative or inconclusive results optional for schools.

### **Does my school need to report positive cases to the NYS School COVID-19 Report Card?**

Yes, New York State still requires schools to report positive cases among students/staff to the statewide [School COVID-19 Report Card](#).

### **Does my school need to report positive COVID cases to the Monroe County Department of Public Health?**

Monroe County receives notice of all laboratory-confirmed and self-reported positive test results from other sources. Schools are no longer required to report positive cases directly to MCDPH.