



# Pearl River School District

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## Contact Tracing Protocols

All staff and students will be required to complete a daily temperature screening questionnaire assuring that all staff and students do not have a fever of 100 degrees or higher or other [COVID-19 symptoms](#).

If a student or staff member feels ill during the school day, the student or staff member will be isolated if presenting with COVID-19 symptoms, will require immediate pick up from school, and will be advised to consult their health care provider. In the absence of a school nurse, the building administrator will advise that the student or staff member be sent home.

An up to date [list of testing sites](#) will be provided to parents of symptomatic students and staff members. This resource can also be found on the Rockland County Department of Health (RCDOH) Coronavirus webpage, [Coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#). Regardless of the testing site, if the test result is positive, the RCDOH will make contact.

Parents and staff **must notify the school if they have tested positive for COVID-19**. When a school receives a report of a positive COVID-19 illness or exposure, the nurse or building administrator will immediately notify the district office, the medical director and contact the RCDOH for guidance. Contact tracing will begin at the building level to determine all students and staff members who may have been exposed through contact with a reported positive case. Notification will be made to RCDOH; contact tracing will continue from there. Additional information about contact tracing can be found here: [New York State Contact Tracing | Department of Health](#).

In order for there to be an effective contact tracing process, the district will work with the RCDOH to provide staff and student lists, schedules and other information to identify exposed individuals.

A communication to parents and staff regarding the illness/exposure will be sent to those affected. The district will not release the identity of the individual with COVID-19 to parents, staff, or public, as this is confidential information under federal and state law.

A student or staff member who had signs of suspected or confirmed COVID-19 can return to in-person learning in accordance with CDC and [RCDOH guidelines](#), minimally with documentation from a health care provider evaluation, negative COVID-19 testing and symptom resolution. Individuals who are exposed to someone with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for 14 days from the day they were last exposed. Anyone who has traveled out of the US or to states on the [NY travel advisory list](#) will require 14 days quarantine.

Please note that a negative test does not release an individual from quarantine.

**If you get a call from “NYS Contact Tracing” (518-387-9993), PLEASE answer the phone.** Answering the phone will keep your loved ones and community safe.

### **A contact tracer will:**

NEVER ask for your Social Security number

NEVER ask for any private financial information

NEVER ask for credit card information

NEVER send you a link without proper authentication procedures