



Opportunity Charter School

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Introduction and General Information



First and foremost, we continue to wish you and your family health and safety during this unprecedented time. With the health, financial and emotional challenges due to COVID-19, it is understandable for students, families and staff to be anxious about the reopening of school. We know that you have all been waiting to hear more solid details with regard to the upcoming school year, and we hope to provide you with some clarity.

Considering the uncertainties surrounding the Covid-19 pandemic and the many public health regulations that must be met to ensure a safe environment, there were many factors to be considered in the planning process. Keeping every member of our OCS community safe is the number one priority. We aim to catch students up while moving forward with grade level work and beyond, all while supporting the well-being of students, families and staff.

Following alongside the Department of Education, we will begin the year with 100% in-person learning. We will continue to follow guidance regarding in-person learning from the CDC, NYCDOH, and DOE in order to maintain the health, safety, and well-being of the entire OCS community. OCS will adopt and implement the DOE measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to protect the health of the school personnel, students, families, and the wider school community.

OCS will start the school year on September 13th with full in-person learning.

Tentative Health and Safety Plan

Reopening of In-person Instruction



District/school plan must include a communications plan for students, parents/guardians, staff, and visitors that includes applicable instructions, training, signage, and a consistent means to provide individuals with information.

OCS will communicate plans for students, parents/legal guardians of students, and visitors that include applicable instructions, training, and signage. OCS will consistently update individuals with information regarding updates to its policies. OCS will present information through a wide array of platforms, including, traditional mail, email, telephone calls, texting, social media, news media, and website postings. OCS will ensure all students are taught and trained how to follow new COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face-covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene.

OCS will encourage all students, faculty, staff, and visitors through verbal and written communication to adhere to CDC and DOH guidelines regarding the use of PPE. OCS will also post signs throughout the building reminding our school community to adhere to guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Additionally, communications will be provided in the language(s) spoken at home among families and throughout the school community.

OCS will provide regular updates about health and safety, scheduling, and all other information that students, parents/guardians, and staff will need to know. When distributing plans and information, OCS will make it clear that families and staff can provide feedback.

All families will have access to technology and support will be in place to help operate and maintain the equipment.

OCS will have a safety coordinator (Head of School and Director of Operations) to be the main contact upon the identification of positive COVID-19 cases and to be responsible for subsequent communication. The coordinator will be responsible for answering questions from students, staff, and parents/legal guardians regarding the COVID-19 public health emergency and the plans that have been implemented by the school.

District/school plan has a written protocol to ensure all persons in school buildings keep a social distance in accordance with DOE guidelines, and that COVID-19 testing is conducted in accordance with DOE guidelines.

- All staff and students will adhere to DOE physical distancing guidelines.
- Students will be placed in cohorts and will remain in the same classroom to limit potential exposure to the virus.
 - Students and staff will be distanced in accordance with DOE guidelines
- Appropriate social distancing, in accordance with DOE guidelines, when eating meals or snacks, or drinking, or other times masks are removed when indoors.
- All community members will be consistently reminded that handshakes and any other routines that call for physical contact are prohibited.
- Signs will be posted reminding all staff and students to maintain proper social distancing in accordance with DOE guidelines.
- Regular announcements on proper social distancing protocols will be made on the PA system.
- COVID-19 testing will be conducted at a minimum, in accordance with DOE guidelines.
- OCS will support opportunities for students and staff to access COVID-19 vaccination clinics.
- OCS will follow vaccination mandates in accordance with city guidelines.

District/School plan has a written protocol requiring all employees, adult visitors, and students to wear a cloth face covering whenever in the school building. All staff, students and visitors must adhere to DOE physical distancing guidelines.

All students, staff, and visitors will be required to wear an acceptable face covering (cloth face covering or surgical face mask) when in the school building that covers their face and nose. Face coverings with valves are not acceptable, and their use will not be allowed. Face shields are not appropriate substitutes for masks but may be worn in addition to a face mask. If there

are any students that do not adhere to the mask wearing requirement we will follow the OCS Discipline Policy.

Physical signs will be placed throughout the building reminding staff and students to always wear face masks and to maintain social distance.

Each classroom will maintain a desk configuration that allows for physical distancing in accordance with DOE guidelines, allowing staff and students to maintain proper social distancing.

OCS will endeavor to limit the number of visitors to the building to the absolute minimum. Whenever possible, meetings will be conducted remotely either by telephone, or video platform. To the extent possible, visitors must have a scheduled appointment in order to enter the building.

District/school plan has written protocol regarding students taking mask breaks.

- Students will receive designated mask breaks, if deemed necessary. During these breaks social distancing will be maintained.

District/school has a plan for obtaining and maintaining adequate supplies of cloth face coverings for school staff, students who forget their masks, and PPE for use by school health professionals.

Working with several vendors, OCS will maintain adequate supplies of face coverings and PPE. Students and staff will be given an appropriate face covering, and the school will maintain a supply of surgical and cloth masks for staff and students who forget their masks. The school will be stocked with needed supplies to maintain a safe environment. OCS will maintain a 60-90 day supply of face coverings and additional PPE, and supplies will be continuously replenished when they reach a 50% level.

District/school plan has written protocol to clean and disinfect schools following CDC guidance.

The school will follow all CDC guidelines. All touch points (door knobs, railings...) will be wiped down with disinfectant on a continuous basis during the school day. All areas will be

deep cleaned daily with CDC approved disinfectant. In addition, OCS will rely on NYCDOE custodial engineers and follow directions from NYC Division of School Facilities (DSF) to ensure that ongoing cleaning and disinfection of all classrooms, shared spaces, and outdoor facilities meets standards as prescribed by the NYCDOH and CDC.

If there is a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 OCS will do the following to ensure thorough disinfection of exposed areas:

- Open doors and windows (to the outside) to increase air circulation in the area and clean and disinfect the space.
- All areas used by the person confirmed to have COVID-19 (bathrooms, classrooms, office, etc.) will be thoroughly cleaned.
- OCS will use a list of recommended disinfectants against SARS-CoV-2
- All members of the cleaning crew will have appropriate PPE to minimize any potential mucosal membrane exposure to SARS-CoV-2, causative agent of COVID-19.
- All the hygiene/sanitation crew will have received the appropriate training on the use of cleaning and disinfection chemicals.

District/school must designate a COVID-19 safety coordinator (administrator) whose responsibilities include continuous compliance with all aspects of the school's reopening plan, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before activities return to normal or "new normal" levels.

Reopening of in-person instruction

The OCS Head of School and the Director of Operations will work collaboratively to ensure continuous compliance with all aspects of the school's reopening plans, as well as any phased-in reopening activities necessary to allow for operational issues to be resolved before activities return to normal or "new normal" levels.

Capacity: Phasing and quantity of students, faculty, and staff allowed to return in-person

OCS will minimize risk of exposure by limiting the size of classes, placing students into cohorts, and minimizing overlap between cohorts. Groups of students will stay together for all instructional periods to minimize spread and facilitate contact tracing if necessary.

- Number of students in each classroom will adhere to the guidelines of the DOE

- Students will stay with the same cohort of students in the same classroom for all instructional periods. Transition of students between classrooms will be suspended.
- All teachers will transition between classrooms
- Students will be in the same classroom together and will make any needed transitions together, and dismiss together.
- All staff and students must adhere to DOE physical distancing guidelines
- Each classroom will maintain a desk configuration that enhances physical distancing.
- Working with several vendors, OCS will maintain adequate supplies of face coverings and PPE. Students and staff will be given an appropriate face covering, and the school will maintain a supply of surgical masks for staff and students who forget their masks. The school will be stocked with needed supplies to maintain a safe environment. OCS will maintain a 60-90 day supply of face coverings and additional PPE, and supplies will be continuously replenished when they reach a 50% level.
- Hand sanitizer dispensers are installed throughout the school space in convenient locations.

Transportation: Consistent with State-issued public transit guidance, protocols and procedures, which include that individuals must wear acceptable face coverings at all times on school buses (e.g., entering, exiting, and seated), and that individuals should maintain appropriate social distancing, unless they are members of the same household., in accordance with DOE guidelines.

Only students who have transportation recommended on their Individualized Education Program IEP or 504 Accommodation Plan (504), or have an approved medical exception from the Office of Pupil Transportation, are eligible for curb-to-school transportation. Questions about receiving specialized transportation should be directed to the IEP or 504 team.

Metrocards will be provided to all students that do not qualify for OPT bus transportation.

OCS will rely on NYCDOE Pupil Transportation to ensure that school bus companies and personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for safety. Those families relying on NYC public transportation will be provided with full information and guidance for using public buses, subways, and taxis according to NYCDOH rules. In addition, Charter School will rely on NYCDOE Pupil Transportation to ensure that school bus companies and personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for cleanliness and disinfection.

Food Services: Protocols and procedures for onsite food services for students, considering appropriate social distancing and any modifications to service that may be necessary (e.g., providing meals in a combination of classrooms and cafeterias, staggering meal periods). Protocols and procedures must also include how students will perform hand hygiene before and after eating, how appropriate hand hygiene will be promoted, and how sharing of food and beverages will be discouraged.

OCS will rely on NYCDOE School Food to ensure that service personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for safety as recommended by the DOE and NYCDOH. The school will train school staff as needed to reinforce the protocols adopted by food service and custodial personnel to ensure healthy, safe meals and the least disruption to the instructional day. The New York City Department of Education is committed to making Free Meals available daily for all NYC children. For students in the building, lunch will be served in various locations throughout the building to ensure social distancing as much as possible, pending any updates in DOE guidance.

Mental Health, Behavioral and Emotional Support Services and Program:

Available resources and referrals to address mental health, behavioral, and emotional needs of students, faculty, and staff when school reopens for in-person instruction (e.g., how they will identify and support students having difficulty with transitioning back into the school setting, especially given the changed school environment). Any training for faculty and staff on how to talk with, and support, students during and after the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency, as well as information on developing coping and resilience skills for students, faculty, and staff.

Instrumental to the OCS model is its clinical department. OCS has a team of 7 certified social workers who meet the social emotional needs of OCS students, and work with families to assist in addressing the needs of students. To further enhance its clinical services, OCS has a school psychologist to provide the additional support that the current environment demands.

OCS will continue its work in conjunction with Youth Communication, providing all middle and high school students with one period of social emotional learning using the curriculum designed by Youth Communication.

In addition to the above, OCS will provide teachers with professional development to further

their ability to meet the social and emotional needs of students to help them navigate the ongoing COVID-19 public health emergency.

OCS faculty/staff will also have access to a mental health specialist as needed.

Restart Operations: Plans to safely reopen facilities and grounds, such as cleaning and disinfection, and restarting building ventilation, water systems, and other key facility components, as applicable.

OCS will rely on NYCDOE custodial engineers and follow directions from NYC Division of School Facilities (DSF) to ensure the safe restart of building systems as well as cleaning and disinfection of the facility. In addition, OCS will thoroughly clean and disinfect the building prior to re-occupancy. In addition, all high-touch areas such as handrails, elevator buttons, door handles, and shared instruments will be cleaned multiple times throughout the day. OCS will follow the DOE guidelines regarding ventilation in the classrooms. Additionally, HEPA purifiers will be placed in locations according to DOE guidelines.

Monitoring of Health Conditions



District/school plan has a written protocol developed in collaboration with the district or school's director of school health services to instruct staff to observe for signs of illness in students and staff and requires symptomatic persons to be sent to the school nurse or other designated personnel.

In accordance with NYCDOE and DOH guidance, all staff will observe for signs of illness in staff and students with particular attention to the following [COVID-19-like symptoms](#):

- Fever 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

In addition, for any staff member or student showing “[emergency warning signs for COVID-19](#)” emergency medical care will be requested immediately.

If at any time a student is symptomatic during the school day they are to be sent directly to the nurse as soon as possible where they will be assessed. If the nurse determines that the student needs to be picked up, the student will be escorted to the isolation room until an adult arrives to retrieve them. Once a family member or legal guardian picks up the student, they should contact their primary care provider for further instructions.

Any individual (student or staff member) showing signs of COVID-19 can only return to school when all conditions according to the DOE guidelines are met.

In any instance a staff member or a student reports a positive COVID-19 test OCS will contact the COVID Response Situation Room, which is composed of NYC Test and Trace and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

District/school plan has a written protocol for daily temperature screenings of all students and staff, along with a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff and periodic use of the questionnaire for students.

We will regularly monitor and screen the health of students and staff to ensure that we can appropriately exclude those who might be infected and break the chain of transmission for the potentially impacted cohorts of students and staff.

When staff and students are scheduled to attend in-person classes, they will be required to complete a pre-screening questionnaire through a pre-screening website as per DOE guidelines. These screenings should ideally take place at home before departing for school and be reported to the school remotely via the online questionnaire.

Pre-screened app questionnaire

Students and school-based staff cannot report to school based on the results of the following questions in the NYCDOE's daily health screener:

Have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a fever of 100.0 degrees F or greater, a new cough, new loss of taste or smell or shortness of breath within the past 10 days?

- No. Go to the next question.
- Yes, and I have received a lab-confirmed negative result from a COVID-19 diagnostic test (not a blood test) since the onset of symptoms AND have not had symptoms for at least 24 hours. Go to the next question.
- Yes, and I am not in the category above. No further screening is needed. The employee/guest may not enter the building.

In the past 10 days, have you gotten a lab-confirmed positive result from a COVID-19 diagnostic test (not a blood test) that was your first positive result OR was AFTER 90 days from your previous diagnosis date? Please note that 10 days is measured from the day you were tested, not from the day when you got the test result.

- No. Go to the next question.
- Yes. No further screening is needed. The employee/guest may not enter the building.

Are you considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by CDC guidelines OR were you recently (within the past three months) diagnosed with COVID-19 and finished isolation in the past 90 days? Please note that to be considered fully vaccinated by CDC guidelines, two weeks must have passed since you received the second dose in a two-dose series or two weeks must have passed since you received a simple dose vaccine.

- No, I am not considered fully vaccinated or was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the past 90 days. Go to the next question.
- Yes. I am considered fully vaccinated or was diagnosed with COVID-19 and finished isolation in the past 90 days. No further screening is needed. The employee/guest may enter the building.

To the best of your knowledge, in the past 10 days, have you been in close contact (**within 6 feet for at least 10 minutes over a 24 hour period**) with anyone who is currently diagnosed with COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19? Clinical staff who were in appropriate PPE are not considered close contacts in these scenarios.

- No. No further screening is needed. The employee/guest may enter the building.
- Yes. No further screening is needed. The employee/guest may not enter the building.

Dedicated person(s) will view the pre-screen questionnaire results to ensure that individuals have met the criteria to enter the school building. OCS will ensure that there is no congregation of students and that classrooms are entered in a staggered fashion.

Students being sent home because of positive symptoms will be immediately separated from other students and supervised until pick up. OCS will immediately notify the COVID Response Situation Room if diagnostic test results are positive for COVID-19.

Screeners will maintain an appropriate social distance as recommended by the DOE to eliminate or minimize risk of exposure.

District/school plan requires that ill students and staff be assessed by the school nurse (registered professional nurse, RN) or medical director and that if a school nurse or medical director is not available, ill students and staff will be sent home for follow-up with a healthcare provider.

All ill students and staff will be assessed by the school nurse (registered professional nurse, RN) and that if a school nurse is not available, ill students and staff will be sent home for follow-up with a healthcare provider unless otherwise instructed by NYCDOH. Parents will be contacted and any student under the age of 18 will need a parent/guardian to pick them up. If a parent/legal guardian is not available to pick up the student, the student will be held in a supervised isolation room. Once a family member or legal guardian picks up the student, they should contact their primary care provider for further instructions.

District/school plan has written protocol requiring students or staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire to be sent directly to a dedicated isolation area where students are supervised, prior to being picked up or otherwise sent home

Students with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire will be sent directly to a supervised, dedicated isolation area by a designated staff member wearing the appropriate PPE. A nurse or another health professional will evaluate the student for symptoms of COVID-19 while a staff member contacts the student's parents/legal guardians and requests they come to the school to pick them up. Students will remain in the supervised, dedicated isolation area until they are picked up or otherwise sent home (if 18 years of age or older).

Staff with a temperature, signs of illness, and/or a positive response to the questionnaire will be sent home, or if necessary, will be held in a dedicated isolation area until picked up.

District/school plan has a written protocol to address visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors to the school which includes health screening.

OCS will endeavor to limit the number of visitors to the building to the absolute minimum. Whenever possible, meetings will be conducted remotely either by telephone, or video platform. To the extent possible, visitors must have a scheduled appointment in order to enter the building.

Parents, vendors and contractors will be notified that all school visits will be by appointment only, and such visits will occur only when absolutely necessary.

When it is deemed necessary for visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors to enter the school building, all building protocols will be maintained, including the wearing of acceptable face coverings and use of hand sanitizer when entering the school building. All school visitors will be asked to take the NYCDOE's health screening questionnaire when they enter the building. Any visitor who has a temperature of 100°F or greater or has a positive response on the screening questionnaire will not be admitted to the school building.

District/school plan has a written protocol to instruct parents/guardians to observe for signs of illness in their child that require staying home from school.

Each morning, parents/guardians will be strongly recommended to observe their child for any signs of illness prior to leaving for school for the day. Parents/guardians will be a google form asking them

Parents/guardians will be asked to fill out the DOE screening questionnaire before their child leaves with the screening questions. This survey will be pushed out via email and text blast to remind parents to complete it each morning.

If the parent/guardian responds "yes" to any item in Section 1 of the screening sheet, then their child will be excused from school for that day, and the child should remain home. The student may return to school when they have been symptom free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Criteria for Return to Campus for Students/Staff:

Any individual (student or staff member) showing signs of COVID-19 can only return to school when all the conditions are met in accordance with the DOE.

Containment



District/school plan has a written protocol for actions to be taken if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the school.

If a staff member or a student tests positive for COVID-19, the Safety Coordinator will be contacted.

Once informed of a positive case of COVID-19, the Safety Coordinator will immediately notify the COVID Response Situation Room to determine what steps are needed for the protection of the entire school community.

The Safety Coordinator will communicate with the principals, so that the plan for needed disinfection and any needed quarantining can begin once informed of a confirmed case of COVID from the Situation Room. OCS will do the following to ensure thorough disinfection of exposed areas:

- Open doors and windows (to the outside) to increase air circulation in the area and clean and disinfect the space as soon as possible.
- All areas used by the person confirmed to have COVID-19 (bathrooms, classrooms, office, etc.) will be closed off until they are thoroughly cleaned.
- OCS will use a list of recommended disinfectants against SARS-CoV-2.
- All members of the cleaning crew will have appropriate PPE to minimize any potential mucosal membrane exposure to SARS-CoV-2, causative agent of COVID-19.
- All the hygiene/sanitation crew will have received the appropriate training on the use of cleaning and disinfection chemicals.
- Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected, it can be reopened for use.
 - Individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.

HR, the Head of School, and the Principals, in coordination with the COVID Response Situation Room, will determine who in the school community must quarantine.

Students or staff that test positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay out of school in accordance with DOE guidelines. Students or staff who have been exposed to COVID-19 will be required to stay out of school in accordance with DOE guidelines. OCS will reach out to the COVID Response Situation Room, which is composed of NYC Test and Trace and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene in any instance of a positive case.

In addition, the Situation Room will also let the Safety Coordinators (Head of School and Director of Operations) know of a confirmed case and to activate the COVID-19 protocols. The following will take place:

- The Safety Coordinators will receive letters from the Situation Room and will communicate to all families, students and staff at school about the confirmed case:
 - Members of the school community who are considered close contacts of the confirmed case must receive a letter stating that their child has been in close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual; this letter gives clear direction.
 - Members of the school community who are not considered close contacts must receive a letter stating that there was a confirmed case of COVID-19 at the school but that their child is not considered a close contact and therefore there is no need to quarantine.
 - Only affected classrooms will close during investigation and remain closed in accordance with DOE guidelines.
 - The Situation Room liaison will follow up with the Safety Coordinators should additional action be needed.

In accordance with the guidance of the DOE, DOH and CDC guidelines, OCS will ensure all needed disinfection and deep cleaning of school property is completed.

District/school plan has written protocol that complies with CDC guidance for the return to school of students and staff following illness or diagnosis of confirmed cases of COVID-19 or following quarantine due to contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. Return to school will be coordinated with the local health department.

Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay home until the criteria outlined by the DOE have been met.

If another person in the same residence of the student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, that student or staff member should not attend school in accordance with DOE guidelines.

If someone is contacted via contact tracing and told that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, and are told to quarantine, they should do so, and return to school in accordance with the guidance/instructions of the COVID Response Situation Room.

In any instance a staff member or a student reports COVID-19 symptoms or is sent home because of COVID-19 symptoms OCS will contact the COVID Response Situation Room, which is composed of NYC Test and Trace and the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. OCS will follow any COVID Response Situation Room guidance regarding the return to school criteria of any students or staff members following illness.

Contact Tracing: Plans to support local health departments in contact tracing efforts using the protocols, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program – an initiative between the Department of Health, Bloomberg Philanthropies, Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, and Vital Strategies; and Communication Plans to share protocols and safety measures taken by the school with all relevant parties including parents/legal guardians, faculty, staff, students and the local community.

The school will cooperate with the NYC's Test and Trace Corp. program and any other mandates required by the NYCDOH in order to provide them with important information regarding students or staff with positive test results and their close contacts.

OCS will be following the NYCDOE's investigation Plan for containment.

Closure



Closure Triggers: Identification of the conditions that may warrant reducing in-person education or closing the school, in consultation with state and local health departments, and plan for an orderly closure.

OCS will follow direction from the situation room regarding closures of classroom/school/building.

In addition, OCS will follow all metrics as set by NYCDOH if cases in NYC are increasing beyond an appropriate level and modify in-person instruction as necessary in accordance with the DOE.

Operational Activity: Determination of which operations will be decreased, or ceased and which operations will be conducted remotely; include a process to conduct orderly closures which may include phasing, milestones, and involvement of key personnel.

OCS will collaborate with co-located schools, whether charter or district, through their building councils and shared space committees to follow all health and safety protocols as prescribed by the NYCDOE and NYCDOH while maximizing these spaces for instructional purposes. OCS will establish a Building response team (BRT) with key stakeholders (administrators, teachers, community members, etc) with the main responsibility of monitoring guidance from NYC, NYS, and the CDC and for formulating recommendations to decrease, scale back, or shut down in person operations.

Communication: Plan to communicate internally and externally throughout the closure process.

In the event of a closure, OCS will continuously update students, staff, families and all other key stakeholders with information through a wide array of platforms, including, traditional mail, email, telephone calls, texting, social media, and website postings.

Contact tracing efforts and testing efforts



In the event that a contact tracer reaches out to Opportunity Charter School, OCS will keep detailed information regarding:

- Daily student attendance
- Student cohort rosters that remain together throughout the day
- Rooms used by specific cohorts
- Teachers our students come in contact with
- Daily visitor logs

In order to protect students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, DOHMH will support schools by investigating confirmed COVID-19 cases. DOHMH and the NYC Test + Trace Corps, will perform contact tracing as recommended by the CDC.

- DOHMH will begin investigating self-reported positive COVID-19 test results from a school community within three hours.
- All case contacts will be monitored by NYC Test & Trace Corps and linked to COVID-19 testing.
- Contact tracing will not be conducted without a laboratory confirmed case or without a presumed case due to a recent close contact developing symptoms.
- Cases are confirmed via the New York State lab results system or by DOHMH confirming the lab results presented by a teacher, staff, or parent.