

COVID Update

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Topics

Mask Mandate NYDOH

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Mask Mandate: Commissioner's Determination on Indoor Masking Pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.61

“After careful review and consideration of CDC recommendations for face coverings/masks in school settings, I hereby adopt such recommendations, imposing them as requirements, where applicable, until this determination is modified or rescinded. Accordingly, universal masking of teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask and regardless of vaccination status, is required until this determination is modified or rescinded. Such requirement is subject to applicable CDC-recommended exceptions. “

https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2.61_determination_0.pdf

COVID Testing Partner – Quadrant Biosciences

Registration & Consent	Onsite Logistics	Transport	Data & Reporting
Consent and registration via Quadrant Biosciences secure, HIPAA-compliant online platform	Procedural manual and other supportive resources provided by Quadrant Test-day staffing support to be arranged by WCDH through Westchester Medical Center	Courier service or UPS/FedEx overnight can be arranged by Quadrant	Data platform is HIPAA compliant All results available on Quadrant Biosciences platform within 24 hours

Next Steps: Waiting for our contact from Quadrant and the following:



Introductory letter for families/staff

- This document is the same for ALL participating districts throughout the county.

Consent forms (with FAQ) for families and teachers/staff

- These two documents are the same for ALL participating districts throughout the county
- The district/school will collect and maintain the consent forms.

Contacts for Families

- This document will provide a list of contacts for families, so they know who to contact based on the nature of their question or concern.

Quadrant Biosciences Onboarding Materials

- This will have more information specific to specimen collection, registration and results reporting, and implementation support
- It will also have additional materials to share with families regarding registration, specimen collection, and results reporting.

Contact Tracing and Quarantining

- **Applying CDC procedures and awaiting any Westchester or New York Department of Health procedures.**
 - Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
 - Due to the circulating and highly contagious Delta variant, CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (age 2 and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
 - In addition to universal indoor masking, CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies, such as screening testing.
 - Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
 - Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
 - Added recommendation for fully vaccinated people who have a known exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 to be tested 3-5 days after exposure, regardless of whether they have symptoms.
 - Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., physical distancing, screening testing).

Contact Tracing and Quarantining (Continued)

- According to the CDC, people who are fully vaccinated do **NOT** need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after their exposure, even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.
- If there is a positive COVID case in the home, the individual may need to be quarantined. Subject to change based on individual case and subject to conversations with the district physician.