

It is anticipated that the Connecticut DPH will be providing additional guidance on the below matters in the coming days. Therefore, this information is strictly preliminary and subject to change.

Containment Plan

To ensure that the school district has relevant protocols for containing and responding to individuals with a positive test for COVID-19, or symptoms consistent with COVID-19. A local containment plan has been established to mitigate potential spread of the virus.

Symptom Based Response

- Students that exhibit symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be immediately sequestered to a designated isolation room within each school building that is monitored by a school staff member. Staff members will immediately be sent home. This room will be separate from the school health office.
 - Each isolation room will have a specific restroom space assigned to it for student use during isolation.
 - If multiple students are confined to the space at any one time, all students will continue to maintain social distancing and face coverings.
 - The school nurse will maintain a log of information including student name, date, time of entry, time of dismissal, and time the room was disinfected and sanitized.
 - For purposes of contact tracing, a log will be kept with names of all persons who entered the isolation room.
 - The student will remain in this location until a parent or guardian arrives to sign the student out of school for the day.
- Staff or students symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be isolated and dismissed immediately as detailed above from the school setting. These will include, but are not limited to:
 - 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
- If someone is showing any of these COVID-19 emergency warning signs, the school will seek emergency medical care immediately:
 - Trouble breathing
 - Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
 - New confusion
 - Inability to wake or stay awake
 - Bluish lips or face

- Disinfection and cleaning procedures will be initiated following student release, (or staff dismissal) from an isolation room in compliance with [CDC guidelines](#). These guidelines include:
 - Close off areas and allow a period of time to occur before entering the area to enact disinfection. Open any windows or turn on ventilation systems to assist in the process.
 - Soiled surfaces should be cleaned with soap or appropriate cleaner prior to disinfection.
 - All disinfectant products should be utilized in compliance from the approved list of agents provided by the Director of Facilities.
 - The use of the school health office will continue to be utilized to treat and consult with students exhibiting other illnesses or injuries.

- The District Liaison will be contacted by the School Nurse immediately upon identification of symptoms consistent with COVID-19 in a student or staff person. This information will be tracked, and shared with the EHHD. All health information will be treated as private and confidential. The school district will confer with the EHHD on any interim actions or control measures necessary.

Confirmed Case Based Response (Positive test result)

- Upon notice from a staff person, parent, guardian of a positive test result for a student or staff person the school shall immediately notify the EHHD.
- The EHHD shall initiate a case contact investigation with the support and cooperation of the school district. The school district shall provide any information necessary for the swift identification and exclusion of close contacts from the school setting. All information provided will be treated as private and confidential.
- School administration shall confer with EHHD regarding the merits of a short dismissal period for the school.
- Disinfection and cleaning procedures will be initiated following the identification of a confirmed case in compliance with [CDC guidelines](#). These guidelines include:

- Close off identified areas and allow a period of time to occur before entering the area to enact disinfection. Open any windows or turn on ventilation systems to assist in the process.
- Soiled surfaces should be cleaned with soap or appropriate cleaner prior to disinfection.
- All disinfectant products should be utilized in compliance from the approved list of agents provided by the school facilities.
- The use of the school health office will continue to be utilized to treat and consult with students exhibiting other illnesses or injuries.

(Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/guidance-for-schools.html>)