

Horseheads Central School District

Closures

Closure and/or Transition to a Different Model of Instruction due to COVID-19

The Superintendent of Schools will follow the guidance of the Chemung County Department of Health in determining when a closure may be required, as well as to what extent it will impact school operations. Depending on the containment measures implemented in conjunction with the Chemung County Department of Health, the closure could range from specific students/staff, groups of individuals, to specific buildings, and/or to the entire school district that needs to transition temporarily to remote learning. Any closure may be for 1-14 days or for an extended period of time as determined by the guidance received from state agencies.

Testing Plan

The Horseheads Central School District will screen all staff and students daily as per the district reopening plan. If any students or staff are identified having a fever of 100 degrees Fahrenheit or higher and/or have symptoms of COVID-19, they will be discreetly isolated in the identified area of the school building.

The school nurse will immediately contact the student's parent/guardian to arrange for the student to be immediately picked up from the Health Office. The staff member will be immediately sent home and coverage for their assignments will be arranged.

The nurse will also provide the parent/guardian with the guidelines that must be followed in order for the individual to return to school. The staff member will be provided this guidance by their supervisor.

Any time a student/staff member is sent home following a determination of COVID-19 symptoms and/or becomes ill during the school day, the nurse/supervisor will document and communicate the confidential health information to the Director of Human Resources/District Safety Coordinator and Chemung County Department of Health, as necessary.

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To Return to School/Work

- The student/staff member must have an evaluation by a health care provider (*health care provider note clearing the person to return to school*)
- The student/staff member must have a **negative COVID-19** test

And

- The student/staff member is not symptomatic for 72 hours from the last symptoms.
 - The student must be cleared to return to school by the school nurse and building principal. The staff member must be cleared to return to work by the Director of Human Resources/District Safety Coordinator.
- If the individual has tested **positive for COVID-19**, the following additional steps must be met:
 - The student/staff member must also be released from isolation by the Chemung County Department of Health.

And

- The student must be cleared to return to school by the school nurse and building principal. The staff member must be cleared to return to work by the Director of Human Resources/District Safety Coordinator.

These procedural requirements are subject to change according to guidance from New York State Department of Health and/or Local County Department of Health

Contact Tracing

The Horseheads Central School District will rely on the advice and support of the Chemung County Department Health in the tracing of all contacts of an individual should a situation warrant such an investigation. Tracing will be done in accordance with the protocols, training, and tools provided by the New York State Contact Tracing Program. We will fully cooperate with all state and local health department contract tracing, isolation, and quarantine efforts.