Oneida City School District Supplemental Guidance to Reopening Plan August 2020

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Management of Ill Persons at School

Students and staff with symptoms of illness must be sent to the health office. A school nurse will be available to assess individuals as chronic conditions such as asthma and allergies or chronic gastrointestinal conditions may present the same symptoms as COVID-19 but are neither contagious nor pose a public health threat.

If a school nurse is not available, we will isolate and dismiss any student or staff member who has a fever or other symptoms of COVID-19 that are not explained by a chronic health condition for follow up with a health care provider. Administrators should work collaboratively with school nurses to determine if additional staff is needed to assist with non-nursing tasks such as:

- Student supervision;
- Telephone calls, text, or emails to parent/guardians; and
- Assistance with completing any required paperwork other than nursing documentation.

Oneida City School District will follow Education Law § 906, which provides whenever a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he or she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The director of school health services or designee (school nurse) shall immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law. The director of school health services, or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of such director, may make such evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as, in their discretion, they may deem necessary to protect the health of the students and staff.

School staff must immediately report any illness of students or staff to the school nurse or other designated school staff. Such reports should be made in compliance with FERPA, and Education Law 2-d. If nurses choose to go to classrooms to make assessments of students, this also should be done in a manner that protects the student's confidentiality. If there are several students waiting to see the school nurse, arrangements should be made to have students wait at least 6 feet apart. Ideally schools should have two rooms for school health personnel - one room for healthy students who have injuries or need their medications or nursing treatments, and another room for assessing and caring for ill students and staff. Both rooms require a supervising adult to be present and should have easy access to a bathroom and sink with hand hygiene supplies. School nurses and other school health professionals assessing or providing care to ill students and staff should follow transmission based precautions which includes the use of appropriate PPE.

Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Students will be escorted from the isolation area to the parent/guardian and the parent or guardian will be instructed to call their health care provider or follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may be in this isolation room if they can be separated by at least 6 feet. We will follow CDC and NYSDOH

recommendations for cleaning. If more than seven days have passed since the person who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary, but routine cleaning and disinfection should continue.

If a separate room is not available, keep at least a 6-foot distance between ill students and other persons. If they cannot be isolated in a separate room from others, it is recommended that a facemask (e.g., cloth or surgical mask) be provided to the student if the ill person can tolerate wearing it and does not have difficulty breathing, to prevent the possible transmission of the virus to others while waiting for transportation home.

Oneida City School District will train staff and parents/guardians of the symptoms of Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children (MIS-C) associated with COVID-19 which is a serious condition associated with COVID-19 in children and youth. Additionally, we will train our staff and parents/guardians to follow CDC's Stay Home When You Are Sick guidance.

Return to School after Illness

Oneida City School District will follow CDC guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. We will consult with the Madison County Health Department about the requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the inperson learning environment at school. This return to school protocol shall include, at minimum, documentation from a health care provider following evaluation, negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result, and symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, release from isolation.

If a person is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) with COVID-19 they can return to school:

• Individuals may return to school with negative test result or a written medical clearance AND as released by the MCDOH after required period of isolation or quarantine.

If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test or their symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:

• The individual is released from isolation or quarantine by the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). The student will need to provide evidence that they are released from isolation and quarantine.

COVID-19 Testing

Oneida City School District will comply with CDC guidance and not conduct COVID-19 testing or require testing or antibody testing of students or staff members.

If and when a student presents signs or symptoms of COVID-19 (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html), the individual

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will be sent home. The parent or guardian of the student should consult with their child's doctor if they should be tested for COVID-19. Staff members who report any symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their primary care primary and discuss whether or not testing is appropriate. If a family does not have a doctor or the doctor is unavailable, individuals should call the Upstate University Hospital's COVID-19 Triage Line at 315-464-3979. For a list of testing sites in the Central New York area, please check out https://www.madisoncounty.ny.gov/2589/Diagnostic-Testing-Sites-for-COVID-19.

Please note that when an individual with symptoms is tested for COVID-19, they are asked to quarantine by their healthcare provider until they receive their test result. If the test comes back negative, they are notified by their healthcare provider and no longer need to quarantine and may return to school after symptoms have resolved; unless the individual was placed into quarantine due to an exposure to a positive case. In this instance, the individual will complete the full quarantine period regardless of a negative test result. If the test comes back positive, they are notified by their healthcare provider and Madison County Health Department will contact them for a case investigation. The individual will be issued an order for isolation for a minimum of 10 days from symptom onset. The Health Department will conduct daily follow up and release individual from isolation when appropriate.

Contact Tracing

Oneida City School District will cooperate with state and local health department contact tracing. The Madison County Health Department will be responsible for all contact tracing as they would any positive case of COVID-19 in Madison County. They will work closely with the school district and family to identify all close contacts (those who came within six feet of the positive case for at least 10 minutes). Those individuals will be notified and issued quarantine orders. They will receive daily follow up from Madison County staff to monitor symptoms and ensure compliance. The Madison County Health Department will provide the school district on guidance related to cleaning and disinfecting as well as additional testing of students or staff. School buildings of the positive case should be shut down for at least 24 hours for cleaning and disinfecting, and so that contact tracing can be done.

Oneida City School District will assist public health departments in knowing who may have had contact at school with a confirmed case by:

- Keeping accurate attendance records of students and staff members;
- Ensuring student schedules are up to date;
- Keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time and where they visited; and
- Assist local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual at school in accordance with the protocol, training, and tools provided through the <u>New York State</u> <u>Contact Tracing Program.</u>
- Oneida City School District will ensure that individuals are alerted if they have come into close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.

Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations.

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How we will respond to student COVID symptoms and positve results?

Student tests positive or suspected to have COVID-19

Parent/guardian reports information to principal while at home and does not come to school. Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH) will have already placed student in isolation and quarantine.

Principal contacts the District Office and (MCDOH) is notified to determine next steps for building disinfection and to assist with contact tracing. District will also work with MCDOH about written notification to all staff and parent/guardians of students who were exposed.

The student will be released from isolation by the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). The student will need to provide evidence that they are released from isolation and quarantine.

Student has exposure to someone who has tested positive

Student remains at home and parent/guardian contacts the building principal. The Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). District confirms MCDOH has already placed the student in quarantine.

Principal contacts the district office and (MCDOH) is notified to determine if they need assistance with contact tracing. District will also work with MCDOH about written notification to all staff and parent/guardians of students who were exposed.

Student will be released from quarantine by the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). The student will need to provide evidence that they are released from quarantine.

Student reports experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day.

Student reports to the health office and the nurse follows all procedures to isolate the student. The child is picked up by parent/guardian.

The school nurse contacts the principal. The principal will notify the District Office.

The parent/guardian should contact their child's physician and follow physician guidance. Parent/guardian should monitor child for symptoms. Student may return to school with negative test result and a written medical clearance or as released by the MCDOH after required period of isolation or quarantine.

Student reports symptoms of COVID on health screener while at home

The student does not come to school and parent/guardian contacts the building principal.

The principal will notify the District Office.

The parent/guardian should contact their child's physician and follow physician guidance. Parent/guardian should monitor child for symptoms. Student may return to school with negative test result and a written medical clearance or as released by the MCDOH after required period of isolation or quarantine.

Reopening Information Sheet

Student reports someone in their home or workplace was exposed to someone who tested positive or has symptoms.

If the someone at home or workplace is not symptomatic, but just 'exposed,' continue working (no need to self-isolate).

To be considered exposed to COVID-19, you need to have prolonged close contact with a person who has the virus. Close contact includes living in the same household, caring for a sick person with the virus, being within 6 feet of a sick person with the virus for at least 15 continuous minutes without the use of a face covering, or being in direct contact with secretions from the sick person.

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How we will respond to employee COVID symptoms and positve results?

Reopening Information Sheet

Employee tests positive or suspected to have COVID-19.

Employee reports information to supervisor while at home and does not come to work. Employee gets medical attention if symptoms are life threatening, Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH) will have already placed employee in isolation and quarantine.

Employee's supervisor contacts the District Office and the employee is asked to complete a Health Services Reporting Form. The district will collaborate with MCDOH with contact tracing. District will also work with MCDOH about written notification of all staff and parent/guardians of students who were exposed.

Employee will be released from isolation by the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). The employee will need to provide evidence that they are released from isolation and quarantine.

Employee has exposure to someone who has tested positive

Employee remains at home, contacts their supervisor, and completes a Health Services Reporting Form. The District will confirm, the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH) has already placed the employee in quarantine.

Employee's supervisor should contact the district office. The district will collaborate with MCDOH with contact tracing. District will also work with MCDOH about written notification to all staff and parent/guardians of students who were exposed, if directed by MCDOH.

Employee will be released from quarantine by the Madison County Department of Health (MCDOH). The employee will need to provide evidence that they are released from quarantine. Employee reports experiencing one or more symptoms of COVID-19 during the work day.

Employee reports to the health office and the nurse follows all procedures to isolate the staff member until they can leave the workplace.

The school nurse contacts the principal. The principal will contact the district office. The employee is asked to complete a **Health Services Reporting Form.**

The employee should contact their physician and follow physician guidance. Employee should monitor for symptoms. Employee may return to work with negative test result and a written medical clearance or as released by the MCDOH after required period of isolation or quarantine.

Employee reports symptoms of COVID on health screener while at home

Employee does not come to work. Employee's supervisor contacts the District Office and the employee is asked to complete a **Health Services Reporting Form.**

The employee should contact their physician and follow physician guidance. Employee should monitor for symptoms and contact physician if they experience symptoms. Employee may return to work with negative test result and a written medical clearance or as released by the MCDOH after required period of isolation or quarantine.

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