

ISOLATION & QUARANTINE

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Has an employee or student at your school tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

No

Your employee or student will be put under isolation orders by the Chautauqua County Public Health Director and advised when they can return to work and school.

Continue safe social distancing and cleaning measures, and follow directives and guidance from New York State and Chautauqua County.

Close contacts of your employee or student will be contacted by Public Health staff to advise them of the need to quarantine.

For employees deemed essential.

For students and employees deemed non-essential

May continue to work on site if all of the following criteria are met:

1. It is not feasible for employee to work from home or if not working would adversely impact the operation of the school.
2. Employee remains asymptomatic.
3. Employee undergoes temperature and symptom monitoring upon arrival to work and at least every 12 hours while at work and self-monitors twice a day when home.
4. Employee wears a face covering while working until 14 days after exposure.
5. Employees must not leave their work location during the work day.
6. Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from co-workers, students and visitors.

Must remain under quarantine at home for a 14-day period after last known exposure; monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, health care provider shall be contacted to determine if a COVID-19 test is needed.

Who is a close contact of someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?

A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes or someone who shared food, drink, vaping device or cigarette starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection).

Employees are required to maintain quarantine when not at work until 14 days after their last exposure to the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case. If symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) develop while working, stop work immediately and isolate at home. If employee develops symptoms, their health care provider should be contacted to determine if a COVID-19 test is needed.

Return to Work or School: Once employees or students have completed their period of isolation or quarantine, they will receive a release from Chautauqua County Public Health Director. This release must be provided to the school in order to return.

Chautauqua County DHHS/Public Health recommends the CDC and NYSDOH time-based strategy for returning to work or school after a positive COVID-19 test, which would **not** require a negative test before returning.

A repeat positive COVID-19 diagnostic test more than 10 days after onset of illness or after the first test does **not** mean a person can infect others.