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Peru Central School District

Student/Staff Covid 19 Return to School After Illness Protocol

Using guidance from the New York State Education Department, (NYSED) and New York State Department of Health, Center for Disease Control and other key advisors, we have developed a thorough safety plan. There are many steps and many people that will work to ensure everyone's health and safety.

Parents/guardians, faculty and staff will have a key step in the process that begins at home. According to NYSED guidelines, we are requiring all parents/guardians, faculty and staff to perform a quick COVID screening and temperature check each morning before coming to school. Parents will submit Covid screening results for their child daily. Faculty/Staff will submit their screening daily. The screening questions include:

Do you/your child currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?

- Fever (100.0 F or more)
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headache
- Nasal congestion/ runny nose

In the last 14 days, have you/your child travelled internationally to a CDC level 2 or 3 Country, US territory or travelled to a non contiguous state (Contiguous states are Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont) without going through the "testing out" protocols?

Are you/your child currently under quarantine or isolation order by the local department of health?

Does a health care professional suspect that someone within your household has COVID-19 test result related to suspected COVID-19 illness OR did you/your child test positive for the virus that causes COVID-19, also known as SARS-CoV-2 within the past 10 days?

If an individual cannot answer "**No**" to all of the screening questions, the individual **MUST** stay home and consult their primary care provider.

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Return/Attend School Protocol

An individual may return to school in one of three different ways:

1. A negative COVID test **and** symptom improvement (including fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications)

OR

2. A doctor's note with a diagnosis of a chronic condition with unchanged symptoms or a confirmed acute illness (examples: lab confirmed influenza, strep throat, post viral syndrome) **and** COVID is not suspected.*
*A doctor's note documenting unconfirmed acute illnesses such as viral upper respiratory illness or viral gastroenteritis, will **not** suffice.

OR

3. After a positive test result, a release from isolation from the CCHD will be needed and you must be fever free for 72 hours.

The Doctor and/or Health Department notes/reports **MUST** be sent to school prior to return. Student notes can be sent to the school nurse. Staff notes can be sent to the building principal. The building principal will send a copy to Donya Banker.

Health Checks/Concerns:

Students exhibiting any of the above signs while at school will be sent to the school health office for an assessment by the school nurse. If any new COVID symptom has developed in the day, the child will be sent home.

Staff exhibiting any of the above signs while at work will contact their building manager. If any new COVID symptom has developed in the day, the staff member will be sent home.

Vaccination

If you have had a COVID vaccine and develop symptoms you can attend work as long as you are well enough and you do not believe you have had a recent exposure to COVID.

For more information about the vaccine and side effects visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/facts.html>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/expect/after.html>

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Management of Ill Students:

At the nurse assessment, if the student has developed any new symptom the nurse will:

- Ensure the student’s face covering fits properly over the mouth and nose
- Offer the student a face shield over face and mask for added protection
- Bring student to the designated isolation room
- Immediately contact parent/guardian for immediate pick. Pick up should be within 30-60 minutes. Parents will be directed to call their emergency contact if this is not possible.

For student pick-up, parents will be instructed to:

- Park in front of building
- Stay in car
- Call school when they arrive
- Wait for the student to be brought to car by staff in PPE
- Sign COVID-19 Return to school Protocol Form and will be given a copy

Management of Ill Staff:

Ill staff will

- Ensure their face covering fits properly over the mouth and nose
- Isolate themselves from others
- Leave the building as soon as possible

If COVID test is warranted, all members of the household must remain off campus until a negative result is confirmed. While awaiting test results for COVID-19, you or your child must quarantine. Remote learning is available for all students while in quarantine.

If an individual tests positive let us know **IMMEDIATELY** so that containment, cleaning protocols and contact tracing can be initiated jointly with the Clinton County Health Department. Return to school will be coordinated with the Clinton County Health Department and your Primary Care Provider.

The School Nurse will follow up with parents of all students who have been sent home. The School Nurse will maintain a log of student illness.

Primary School Nurse	Kathleen Bedard, RN	518-643-6106
Intermediate School Nurse	Linda DeLong, RN	518-643-6206
Middle School Nurse	Kathy Ames, RN	518-643-6306
High School Nurse	Jocelyn Hart, RN	518-643-6442
Special Education Room	Regan Finlaw, RN	518-643-6114