COVID-19 TESTING PROTOCOL AND PROCEDURES

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The decision of whether a test may need to be conducted will be determined by the student or staff member’s physician, or the local County department of health except if a student or staff member is symptomatic. If symptomatic, a COVID-19 test will be required to return to school.

In the event that a large-scale testing may need to be conducted at the school, Lyme Central administration will consult with the Medical Director, or the county health department, working with New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) to identify potential provider(s) and to develop testing protocols and/or procedures. The school nurse, as well as other personnel will train to perform testing as needed.
**School Protocol for Symptomatic or Positive COVID-19 Student or Employee**

**Student or Employee is Symptomatic**
- Fever, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea

- **Isolate and send home immediately.** Inform student or employee they must seek medical attention and must have provider note and negative COVID-19 test before returning.

- **Student or employee tests positive for COVID-19**
  - Local Health Department contacts student, parent, or employee to perform case investigation and contact tracing. Contact tracing begins 48 hours prior to the start of symptoms or 48 hours prior to the positive test for an asymptomatic person. All persons within 6 ft for more than 10 minutes during that time frame will be quarantined for 14 days, monitored for symptoms and tested. Local Health Department will notify school for collaboration with contract tracing.
  - Contacts to positive case are referred to local testing sites and can return to school after 14 day quarantine period.

- **Student or employee has note from a medical provider, negative COVID-19 test, and resolution of symptoms**
  - Allow student or employee to return

- **Positive student or employee will be isolated for a minimum of 10 days from start of symptoms. Student or employee must be 3 days without a fever, without use of antipyretic (Tylenol or Ibuprofen) and have progressive improvement in symptoms before returning.**