

MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL DISTRICT

COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing Procedures

COVID-19 Testing

Students and staff with symptoms of illness should not attend school.

- Students who screen positive for COVID-19 will be immediately escorted to the designated COVID-19 waiting area.
- Parents or guardians will be provided with information in regards to healthcare and testing upon pickup.
- The local health department will be consulted about the requirements for determining when individuals who screened positive for COVID-19 can return to the in-person learning environment.
- When a positive diagnostic test is reported by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds (student, parent, faculty, staff, and visitor), the COVID-19 Coordinator or school nurse will contact the Suffolk County Department of Health Services. Appropriate follow-up actions will be taken.

Each Building has a designated COVID-19 Coordinator:

Elementary School-Mr. Rob Catlin, Principal

Middle School-Ms. Elizabeth Hine, Principal

High School-Mr. Peter Pramataris, Principal

Decisions about whether a COVID-19 test needs to be administered should be determined by a healthcare provider or the Suffolk County Health Department. It is recommended that Individuals and/or their families consult with their medical provider to determine if COVID-19 testing is warranted.

The Mount Sinai School District will work with the Suffolk County Health Department in determining whether large-scale testing is needed as a result of an outbreak of COVID-19. The COVID-19 Coordinator will refer students and families to their healthcare provider when a test may be needed. If the family does not have a healthcare provider, the COVID-19 Coordinator will refer them to a local clinic or urgent care center.

Suffolk County has a comprehensive network of family health centers that serve the uninsured and underinsured. More information can be found at:

<https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Patient-Care/Health-Centers>

Contact Tracing

The Suffolk County Department of Health Services is responsible for case investigation and contact tracing in Suffolk County. Mount Sinai School District will support case investigation and contact tracing efforts by providing information to trace all individuals who had contact with a

confirmed case of COVID-19. In order to facilitate this process, the school will maintain the following information:

- Accurate attendance records for students and staff
- Up-to-date student and staff schedules
- Visitor Logs (date, time location)

Confidentiality will be maintained in accordance with all federal and state laws and regulations.

Suffolk County Department of Health Services typically completes case investigations and contact tracing within 24 hours of receipt of a positive test result. Suffolk County DHS provides isolation or quarantine orders to all cases and contacts in Suffolk County. Those placed under isolation or quarantine will be monitored by Suffolk County DHS daily. When the isolation or quarantine period has ended, a letter from Suffolk County DHS confirming release will be provided to each case and contact. Students and/or staff can then provide the letter to their school district to return.