

Response 2: Reopening Operations, Monitoring, Containment & Closure

The required items below are detailed on pages 3-6 of the DOH Interim Guidance.

2c. Containment

Containment includes protocols and procedures for how to respond to positive or presumed positive cases, as well as preventative practices the education corporation/school will deploy. Responses must include those details as well as preventative practices (if identified above please reference). At a minimum, reopening plans must incorporate items bulleted below from requirements detailed on page 6 of the DOH Interim Guidance (Interim Guidance).

ACS has protocols and procedures for how to respond to positive or presumed positive cases, as well as preventative practices that will be deployed. These protocols and procedures will address the school health office, isolation, collection, infected individuals, exposed individuals, hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection, contact tracing, and communication.

School Health Offices:

Protocols for safely caring for a student, faculty or staff member if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day.

The protocol for safely caring for a student, faculty, or staff member if they develop symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day are as follows:

1. The identified individual will be immediately isolated in a dedicated area until they can go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on severity of illness.
2. If the individual is a student, the student will be supervised by a staff member who is protected by wearing gloves, gown, mask, and face shield and practicing social distance.
3. The individual will leave with written instructions to contact their healthcare provider for assessment and testing and information on resources on health care and testing.
4. The space where the individual was learning or working will be closed off immediately.
5. Where possible windows will be opened to increase air circulation in the area.
6. The space where the individual was learning or working will be cleaned and disinfected after 24 hours.
7. All the areas used by the individual suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas will be cleaned and disinfected.
8. All heavy transit and high touch surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected daily as per protocol outlined in this plan.
9. Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected, it will be reopened for use. Only individuals without close or proximate contact [within 6 feet for more than 15 minutes] with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.

Isolation:

Procedures to isolate individuals who screen positive upon arrival, or symptomatic individuals should they become symptomatic while at school, providing appropriate PPE for school health offices staff caring for the symptomatic individual(s). Protocols for safe transportation, including pick-up arrangements, if applicable, for symptomatic students, faculty and staff.

The protocol for isolating individuals who screen positive upon arrival, or symptomatic individuals should they become symptomatic while at school are outlined above in the School Health Office section. The protocol for safe transportation and pick up of an individual who screens positive upon arrival, or

symptomatic individuals should they become symptomatic while at school is that the staff member assigned to monitor that individual will make sure the pathway to the exit of the building is completely clear of persons and will escort them out of the building. A student will be handed over to the parent/legal guardian or emergency contact person. An adult, if well enough to travel on their own, will be escorted out of the building. An adult not well enough to travel on their own will be escorted to a waiting ambulance.

Collection:

[Protocols for how parents or legal guardians should pick up their students with instructions that the student must be seen by a health care provider.](#)

As described above in the School Health Office section, students who become symptomatic while at school will be isolated, parents/legal guardians or emergency contact will be notified, the student will be supervised while they wait to be picked up. Once the parent/legal guardian or emergency contact person arrives, the student will be escorted out of the building with written instructions that the student must be seen by a health care provider for assessment and testing and information on resources for health care and testing.

Infected Individuals:

[Requirements that persons who have tested positive complete isolation and have recovered, and will not transmit COVID-19 when returning to in-person learning. Discharge from isolation and return to school will be conducted in coordination with the local health department.](#)

ACS requires that persons who have tested positive must not return to work but maintain quarantine until they have recovered and will not transmit COVID-19 when returning to in-person learning. A written notice from a health professional that affirms the individual can return to the school and cannot transmit COVID-19 will be required for the individual to be allowed to return to the building.

Exposed Individuals:

[Requirements that individuals who were exposed to the COVID-10 virus complete quarantine and have not developed symptoms before returning to in-person learning. Discharge from quarantine and return to school will be conducted in coordination with the local health department.](#)

ACS requires that individuals who were exposed to the COVID-19 virus complete quarantine, and receive written notification from a healthcare professional that affirms:

1. The individual can return to the school; and
2. The individual cannot transmit COVID-19.

Once these requirements are met, the individual will be allowed to return to the building.

Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfection:

[Adherence to, and promotion of, hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection guidance set forth by DOH and CDC, including strategies for cleaning and disinfection of exposed areas and appropriate notification to occupants of such areas.](#)

In adherence to, and promotion of, hygiene, cleaning, and disinfection guidance set forth by DOH and CDC, ACS has strategies for cleaning and disinfection of exposed areas. As described in the School Health Office section, the exposed areas will be cleaned and disinfected after 24 hours. All the areas used by the individual suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas will be cleaned and disinfected. Notification to occupants of the exposed areas will be given.

Contract Tracing:

Plans to support local health departments in contact tracing efforts using the protocols, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program

ACS will support local health departments in tracing all contacts of an individual testing positive of COVID-19. Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state law and regulations. ACS will cooperate with state and local health departments in contact tracing, isolation and quarantine efforts.

Communication:

Plans to share protocols and safety measures taken by the education corporation/school with all relevant parties including parents/legal guardians, faculty, staff students and the local community.

ACS will share protocols and safety measures planned with all relevant parties including parents/legal guardians, faculty, staff, students, and the local community. The methods of communication that were outlined in this plan include: videos, website, electronic flyers, newsletters, emails, phone calls, texts and signage.