

# Contact Tracing Addendum to NYS DOH Plan



NEWBURGH ENLARGED CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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#### What is Contact Tracing?

Contact tracing is the process of contacting all individuals who have had contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

#### **Contact Tracing Process**

The District will cooperate with all state and local health departments regarding contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine efforts. The District will assist public health departments in identifying who may have had contact at school with a confirmed case by:

- Leping accurate attendance records of students and staff members;
- ensuring student schedules are up to date;
- keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time and where in the school they visited;
- assist local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual at school in accordance with the protocol, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program.

The District will notify the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by faculty, staff, students, and visitors.

In the case of an individual testing positive, the District will support local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual, in accordance with the protocols, training, and tools provided through the <u>New York State Contact Tracing Program</u> and local health department.



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Additionally, if an individual who was in a facility used or owned by the District for the instruction of students is discovered to have COVID-19, the District in consultation with the local health department will do the following:

- Immediately close the affected area
- Investigate all movements and interactions of students/staff over the previous week.
- Arrange for thorough cleaning and disinfection of areas affected.
- Work with the New York State Department of Health to notify all potential contacts.

The District will be utilizing a platform that will automate and streamline the contact tracing process. The system will provide a robust data dashboard for school personnel to efficiently generate reports and contact tracing heat maps to quickly identify individuals that may have come in contact with someone who has tested positive or exposed to someone with COVID-19.

The District will maintain confidentiality as required by federal and state law and regulations regarding the privacy of disclosure of COVID-19 status.





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### **Contact Tracing Steps Infographic**





#### Infografía de Pasos de Rastreo de Contactos



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