



**North Collins CSD**  
**Management of Ill Persons**  
(Excerpt from the NC reopening plan)

North Collins CSD students and staff with symptoms of illness must be sent to the health office. The school nurse (Registered Professional Nurse, RN) will assess individuals as chronic conditions such as asthma and allergies or chronic gastrointestinal conditions may present the same symptoms as COVID-19 but are neither contagious nor pose a public health threat. If Students or Staff become Ill with Symptoms of COVID-19 at school, North Collins CSD will follow Education Law § 906, which provides [w]henever... a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he or she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance. The director of school health services shall immediately notify a local public health agency of any disease reportable under the public health law. The director of school health services, or other health professionals acting upon direction or referral of such director, may make such evaluations of teachers and any other school employees, school buildings and premises as, in their discretion, they may deem necessary to protect the health of the students and staff.

North Collins CSD staff will immediately report any illness of students or staff to the school nurse or other designated school staff. Such reports will be made in compliance with FERPA, and Education Law 2-d. If nurses choose to go to classrooms to make assessments of students, this also will be done in a manner that protects the student's confidentiality. If there are several students waiting to see the school nurse, arrangements will be made to have students wait at least 6 feet apart. School nurses and other school health professionals assessing or providing care to ill students and staff will follow transmission- based precautions, which include the use of appropriate PPE ([see section on PPE](#)).

Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may be in this isolation room, with required PPE, if they can be separated by at least 6 feet.

We will work with state and local health departments to communicate a possible COVID-19 exposure. Any communication to the school community will be at the discretion of the Department of Health. In such a circumstance, it is critical to maintain the confidentiality of the student or staff member as required by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). In addition, students and staff who are well but are taking care of, or share a home with, someone with a case of COVID-19 must not attend school and must follow

precautionary quarantine instructions from State health officials, who will determine when it is safe for them to return to school.

NYS schools cannot mandate COVID19 testing of students or employees. If individuals want to get tested at an ECDOH specimen collection site, they can call (716) 858-2929 to schedule. Also, COVID testing information throughout Erie County is available at <https://erieny.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=0c46f6677fbd49f5b8cf7548e8efe58b>

### Return to School after Illness

North Collins CSD will follow CDC guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

If a person is NOT diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) with COVID-19, they can return to school if:

- They have no fever for at least 3 days with no medication AND
- Their respiratory and presenting symptoms have improved AND
- It has been 10 days since symptoms (including fever) first appeared (unless there is also a known exposure, then 14 days after that exposure)

If a person IS diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test or their symptoms or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms as determined by a healthcare provider, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:

- MD/DO/NP provides school with 2 negative acute COVID-19 test results, both taken since symptoms first appeared and are at least 24 hours apart, OR
- Follow CDC, state, and local public health guidelines for symptom-based return (see also Return to School after Illness)

The CDC provides specific guidance for individuals who are on home isolation regarding when the isolation may end. [Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID-19 Not in Healthcare Settings.](#)

CDC recommendations for discontinuing isolation in persons known to be infected with COVID-19 could, in some circumstances, appear to conflict with recommendations on when to discontinue quarantine for persons known to have been exposed to COVID-19. CDC recommends 14 days of quarantine after exposure based on the time it may take to develop illness if infected. Thus, it is possible that a person known to be infected could leave isolation earlier than a person who is quarantined because of the possibility they are infected.



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Has an employee or student at your business or school tested positive for COVID-19?

Yes

No

Your employee or student will be put under isolation orders by the Erie County Department of Health and advised when they can return to work and school.

Continue safe social distancing and cleaning measures, and follow directives and guidance from New York State and Erie County.

Close contacts of your employee or student will be contacted by the Erie County Department of Health to advise them of the need to quarantine.

For employees deemed essential by a business

For students and employees deemed non-essential

Who is a close contact of someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19?

May continue to work on site if all of the following criteria are met:  
(Note: Nursing home employees have different requirements. Contact NYSDOH for criteria)

1. It is not feasible for you to work from home or if not working would adversely impact the operation of your facility.
2. You remain asymptomatic.
3. You undergo temperature and symptom monitoring upon arrival to work and at least every 12 hours while at work and self-monitor twice a day when home.
4. You wear a face covering while working until 14 days after exposure.
5. Employees must not leave their work location during the work day.
6. Maintain physical distancing of at least 6 feet from co-workers, customers and visitors.

Must remain under quarantine at home for a 14-day period after last known exposure; monitor for symptoms and consider getting a COVID-19 diagnostic test five days or more after last exposure

A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection).

You are required to maintain quarantine when not at work until 14 days after your last exposure to the confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case. If symptoms (fever, cough, shortness of breath) develop while working, stop work immediately and isolate at home. Consider getting a COVID-19 diagnostic test five days or more after last exposure.

**Return to Work or School:** Once employees or students have completed their period of isolation or quarantine, they can self-certify that they are released from isolation or quarantine and return to work or school.

ECDOH recommends the CDC and NYSDOH time-based strategy for returning to work or school after a positive COVID-19 test, which would not require a negative test before returning.

A repeat positive COVID-19 diagnostic test more than 10 days after onset of illness or after 1<sup>st</sup> test does not mean a person can infect others.

This information is subject to change.

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Additional information at [www.erie.gov/covid19](http://www.erie.gov/covid19) or call the Erie County Information Line at (716) 858-2929.