



Center Moriches UFSD

COVID-19 TESTING PLAN

Students and staff with symptoms of illness should not attend school. It is recommended that individuals and/or families consult their medical provider to determine if COVID-19 testing is warranted. In order to ensure awareness of symptoms and minimize the chance for spread, the following procedures are being utilized:

Training of Staff and Parents/Guardians:

Parents/Guardians and Staff members will be provided resources to educate them regarding the careful observation of symptoms of COVID-19 and the health screening that must be conducted each morning before coming to school. Training of staff will take place to educate them on signs and symptoms of COVID-19 including:

- Chills or Fever (100°F or greater)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting and/or Diarrhea

Procedures for Students Regarding Health Screenings:

Daily Temperature checks:

Temperature checks for students will be taken remotely by parents/guardians on a daily basis prior to arrival at school. Students with a temperature of 100.0 degrees F will not be permitted to board school buses or enter the Center Moriches school facilities. To ensure that we are compliant with NYSDOH recommendations, we will implement the following procedures:

- Temperature taking will take place at home by all families.

Arrival by Buses:

- Checklists will be provided to bus matrons to confirm temperature taking by parents with a pass/fail recorded after a verbal affirmation.
- Any student with a temperature above 100.0 degrees F will not be admitted onto the bus. If temperatures were not taken, matrons will take temperatures before allowing entry on the bus and record pass/fail.

Student Drop-off:

- Security guards and health monitors will be stationed at all buildings to greet parents to confirm temperature taking at dropoff locations and a pass/fail affirmation recorded.
- Any student with a temperature above 100.0 degrees F will not be admitted into the school.



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Student with Driving Privileges:

- Student license holders that drive to school and park on the premises will be greeted by staff to confirm that temperatures were taken and a pass/fail affirmation recorded by the staff members. Health monitors and security will also be provided thermometers to confirm temperatures for any students whose temperature was not taken by parents. Any student with a temperature above 100.0 degrees F will not be admitted into the school.

Periodic Health Screenings:

As per NYSED and NYS DOH guidance the Center Moriches School District will conduct periodic health screenings of all students. These will be completed via electronic form submission weekly. Text messages will be sent out, every Wednesday, to parents to remind them to fill out the health screening for their child. The COVID Coordinator and nurse in each building will review these each week. **Parents/guardians of students who do not complete the health screening form will be contacted and refused admittance until the form is completed and no symptoms are evident.**

Students that Exhibit Symptoms:

Consistent with the symptoms identified on page one of this document, if a student exhibits symptoms consistent with COVID-19 they will be considered a person under investigation (PUI). In these instances, the Center Moriches School District will implement the following procedures:

- PUIs will be placed in Isolation locations designated for students exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Staff will supervise students in these locations.
- Parents/guardians will be notified immediately and students will be required to be picked up from school.
- Parents will not be permitted into the building and students will be escorted out of the building to meet with parents.
- Students will be referred to consult their medical provider to determine if COVID-19 testing is warranted.
- If in the opinion of the school nurse, the child is suffering from severe shortness of breath, vitals are not stable, or appears critically ill, an ambulance should be called at once. The parents should be notified. If they are unable to get to the school in time, they will be notified to meet the child and ambulance at the Emergency Department of a local hospital to be specified.

Testing Responsibility:

- Local pediatricians, walk-in urgent care facilities, will be available for COVID-19 testing for symptomatic students. The Board approved physician for the Center Moriches UFSD is

**Dr. Mahendra Shah (631) 929-8787
1866 Wading River Road, Wading River, NY 11972**

- Additional COVID-19 testing sites can be found at:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

- **Resources for Uninsured/Underinsured Families:**

- In addition to local pediatricians, 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>



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Re-entry to School:

The following is required for re-admission to school:

- Any child or staff member presenting with at least one of the above symptoms must obtain a physician's letter prior to returning to school.
- Students must be symptom and fever free for 24 hours.
- Clearance from a medical provider that indicates a negative COVID-19 PCR test, or
- Documentation that symptoms were associated with another medical condition; i.e. allergies.

Protocols for Students that Test Positive for COVID-19:

- The student will immediately be placed on isolation at home for at least 10 days.
- The District will assist the local DOH in contract tracing efforts by providing a list of probable close contacts in school (defined as being within 6 feet of the infected student for at least 10 minutes).
- The identification of close contacts will begin 48 hours before the student became symptomatic, or 48 hours before the student was tested for COVID-19 virus if asymptomatic.
- Students that test positive should follow the established CDC/NYS DOH guidelines for ending isolation. All residents who test positive are monitored by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) contact tracing staff and will receive a letter from the SCDHS confirming release from isolation.
- Regardless of DOH clearance letter, at a minimum, each of the following conditions must be met:
 - At least 10 days have expired since the onset of symptoms or date of positive Covid-19 testing.
 - The majority of symptoms have substantially improved or resolved (eg. Cough, shortness of breath, etc).
 - There has been no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Other Reasons for Exclusion from School Due to COVID-19:

- Any student who has had a high risk close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19 shall be excluded from attendance in school until after a quarantine period of at least 14 days.
- Any student who has had a high risk close contact with a PUI (person under investigation) for COVID-19 shall be excluded from school at least until a determination of the PCR test result for the contact person has been made.
- Any student who has traveled to any state, country, or territory on the New York State COVID-19 Travel Advisory List, shall be excluded for a period of 14 days after return a full list of states on the Travel advisory can be found at:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/covid-19-travel-advisory>

Faculty and Staff Testing Protocols:

- Prior to arrival at their assigned work location, all staff will be required to answer a questionnaire related to their health (temperature checks and review of symptoms related to COVID-19) and exposure to Coronavirus.
- Any staff answering in the affirmative to questions on the form will be instructed to stay home and consult their physician. If they report to work they will be sent to an isolation room until the COVID-19 administrator can clarify the answers.
- The District designated COVID-19 coordinators in each building and District-wide will review responses each morning.



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Faculty and Staff that Test Positive:

- The staff member will immediately be placed on isolation at home for at least 10 days.
- The district will assist the local health department in Contact Tracing efforts by providing a list of probable close contacts (defined as being within 6 feet of the infected staff member for at least 10 minutes).
- The identification of close contacts will begin 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic, or 48 hours before the staff member was tested for COVID-19 virus if symptomatic.
- Staff that test positive should follow the established CDC/NYS DOH guidelines for ending isolation. All residents who test positive are monitored by the Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDHS) contact tracing staff and will receive a letter from the SCDHS confirming release from isolation.

• Staff Re-entry to School:

- Staff will be admitted entrance back into school upon meeting the following clearance:
 - Receipt of letter from Suffolk County DOH clearing them for return
 - Regardless of DOH clearance letter, at a minimum, each of the following conditions must be met:
 - At least 10 days have expired since the onset of symptoms or date of positive Covid-19 testing.
 - The majority of symptoms have substantially improved or resolved (eg. Cough, shortness of breath, etc).
 - There has been no fever for at least 72 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.

Visitor Testing Protocols:

- Visitors will be limited to emergencies only.
- Only approved vendors will be permitted to enter the buildings, and will be primarily scheduled for after school hours.
- All visitors will complete health screenings and temperature checks.
 - Visitors who do not pass the Health Screening and/or Temperature Check will NOT be permitted entry and will be advised to see a medical provider.