



Center Moriches UFSD

CONTACT TRACING PLAN

What is Contact Tracing?

Contact Tracing is the process of contacting all people who have had direct contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. Contact Tracers have been hired and trained to work with state-of-the-art software to gather information on the spread of the infection.

Center Moriches Plan for Contact Tracing

Suffolk County Department of Health Services (SCDOH) is responsible for case investigation and Contact Tracing in Suffolk County. The DOH Contact tracers will communicate directly with families. The District has a strong partnership with our local DOH and will assist with Contact Tracing in the event there is a positive COVID-19 case identified in a student or staff member. To assist the DOH with this process, the Center Moriches School District will implement the following procedures:

Student Cohorts:

As recommended by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and NYS of Department of Health Services (DOH) and to minimize cross contamination and contact, students will be placed in cohorts (students and teachers who are in the same class) to whatever extent possible. We will operate at 50% capacity with A and B cohorts in grades K-12. Each cohort will attend school on an alternating day schedule. In addition, Elementary classes will each serve as isolated cohorts. At our secondary complex movement of students in the MS/HS will be limited. Student and Teacher cohort information will be shared with the local DOH in the event that a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

Attendance Procedures:

Attendance will be taken on a daily and period-by-period basis and sign-in sheets will be utilized to track movement throughout the buildings. This documentation will be made available to the local DOH to assist in contact tracing if there is a positive COVID-19 case identified.

Assigned seating:

Assigned seating ensuring 6 feet of distance between student desks/chairs will be implemented and documented with seating charts. Attendance records, Seating charts and sign-in sheets for movement around the building will be provided to the local DOH for assistance with Contact Tracing in the event a positive COVID-19 case is identified.

Transportation of Students:

In an effort to minimize contact between students, parents will be encouraged to provide transportation to and from school. Transportation provided by the District to students will follow the cohort model. Bus ridership and seating charts will be provided to the local DOH to assist with Contact Tracing in the event a positive COVID-19 case is identified.



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Limitations to Visitors:

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. A Google Form link will be provided for this task. All visitors must sign in and out of the building, including all locations visited in order to document their travel throughout the buildings and will be required to wear a mask for the duration of the visit and maintain appropriate social distancing recommendations. In the event of a confirmed COVID-19 case, all information will be shared with the local DOH to assist with Contact Tracing.

Containment of Persons Under Investigation (PUI):

Following CDC guidelines for care. Isolation locations will be designated for students or staff exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms. Staff will supervise students in these locations. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator for the District is Mr. Ricardo Soto, Assistant Superintendent. Building principals will serve as building-level coordinators that will work with the District COVID-19 Safety Coordinator. The building level coordinators will work closely with the school nurses.

Glossary of Relevant Terms:

Case:

Individual with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 test.

Close Contact:

A close contact is defined as being within six feet of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 for a prolonged period of time (ten minutes or more). One would also be considered a close contact if someone who has tested positive for COVID-19 coughed or sneezed on you.

Persons Under Investigation (PUI):

A close contact who has developed symptoms of COVID-19 and is waiting on confirmatory test.

Isolation:

Isolation is the separation of someone who is infected with COVID-19 from others to prevent further spread of the disease. The isolation period for COVID-19 is at least ten (10) days from onset of symptoms (or test date if asymptomatic) and 72 hours fever free (without fever reducing medication) and other symptoms are improving.

Quarantine:

Quarantine is the separation of someone who has been exposed to a COVID-19 case and now has the potential to develop the disease. This is done to prevent the possible spread. The quarantine period for COVID-19 is fourteen (14) days from date of last contact with a case, provided no symptoms have developed.