



Important Changes from the New York State Department of Health

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released new screening protocols for school districts and clarified who is eligible to come to school. Before you fill out the Irvington health pre-screening questionnaire for your child(ren)'s next in-person learning day, please review the updated list of symptoms/criteria (changes in parentheses).

Are you currently experiencing a fever with a temperature of 100° F or more?
(changed from over 100° F)

Do you currently have (or have had in the last 10 days) one or more of these new or worsening symptoms? (new wording and changed from 14 to 10 days)

- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Nasal Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 10 days or are presently waiting for results of a COVID-19 test? (Changed from 14 to 10 days)

Have you been designated a contact of a person who has tested positive in the last 14 days? (This has replaced the close contact language formerly used.)

Have you traveled internationally or to any state that will require you to quarantine, in the last 14 days?

One important new change is also that any individual who reports having COVID-like symptoms, but does not get a test within 48 hours will be considered COVID positive. This will require a 14 day quarantine and for the District to begin the contact tracing process with the Westchester County Department of Health. The school nurses follow up with any reports of "Yes" on the screening and will guide you appropriately.

We need your partnership! We rely on parents to fill out the daily health screening questionnaire each day their child(ren) will be present in school. When it is not done, it results in interruptions to student learning and a significant amount of work for our staff to follow up to ensure the health of our school community. Please help us keep everyone safe by remembering to complete this

important step. Together, we can help our students and staff stay as healthy as possible. Thank you!

Stay well!

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