

# EDINBURG COMMON SCHOOL

“A Great Place to Grow and Learn”

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## **Edinburg Common School District Testing Plan**

*All referenced information will be a result of collaboration with the NYS Department of Health (DOH), NYS Department of Education (NYSED), Local BOCES, and school stakeholders and department heads. Items in this plan are subject to change based on changes in rules and regulations set forth by the above agencies.*

### **COVID-19 Testing**

School districts will provide information on where a COVID-19 test can be obtained. In the event large-scale testing needs to be conducted at the school, the district administration and COVID-19 Coordinator will coordinate with the Saratoga County Public Health Department.

Students and staff that become ill with symptoms of COVID-19 during the school/work day will be sent directly to the dedicated isolation area to await pick-up. Students will be supervised in the isolation room by the school nurse and will be separated by at least 6 feet. Students awaiting transportation will be escorted from the isolation area to their parent/guardian/emergency contact as defined on the emergency contact form. Students and/or staff will be referred to their healthcare provider for further investigation of the symptoms. Students and/or staff will require a medical release statement or negative COVID-19 test in order to return to work/school.

Students/staff who have a fever, will be asked to stay out of school/work for between 24 to 72 hours. Parents will be asked to check with their child's primary care physician to determine if

testing is necessary, and parents will be asked to have children stay home if they don't feel well or are exhibiting unusual symptoms. Staff will be reminded to stay home if they are feeling unwell or exhibiting unusual symptoms. Some exceptions may need to be made for usual allergy like symptoms, documented history of headaches, etc. Determinations about testing will be made between physicians and/or county health departments.

***If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19, the following employees and families will be responsible for notifying state and local health departments***

- **Edinburg Common School District school nurse will notify Saratoga County Public Health Department and District Superintendent**
- **Saratoga County Health Department Contact Information**

Saratoga County Public Health Services COVID-19 Hotline **518-885-2276**.

**Monday-Friday, 8am-4pm.** *Be sure to include this number in your contact list so it is unblocked and does not appear as SPAM.* New York State Department of Health

(NYSDOH) Hotline **1-888-364-3065**. Available 24/7

Also, the following website from the New York State Department of Health should be accessed to find testing locations closest to you and along with the health assessment.

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

Primary care provider is the first option and goes through the insurance company. A number of Primary care providers can test at their offices. Saratoga Hospital has capacity to test. TEST sites for Saratoga County residents are found on a spreadsheet at the following link; information will be updated weekly:

[https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/County-Testing-Sites\\_0731-1.pdf](https://www.saratogacountyny.gov/wp/wpcontent/uploads/2020/08/County-Testing-Sites_0731-1.pdf)

Saratoga County Health Department will collaborate with the school when there is a concern that diagnostic testing is needed. Diagnostic testing is generally someone who is a high priority or symptomatic. The School District COVID liaison and/or the school nurse will work with the Saratoga County Health Department and/or the district's medical doctor to refer students/staff for required testing and/or follow up with their current physician and/or pediatrician. Individuals who have returned from international travel and/or a state designated through a

New York State Travel advisory must complete mandatory quarantine (2 weeks) prior to returning to the school.

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Saratoga County Public Health and Edinburg Common School District will identify a COVID-19 liaison (Karen Vanalstyne) to facilitate conversations about students or staff who have tested positive. Should the individual who tested positive live in a different county than the county where the school is located, both county health departments should be contacted immediately by the school COVID liaison. The School District COVID liaison will reach out to the county if there are any concerns.

Upon request, districts will be asked to provide information on the past locations of students and staff who are involved in the contact tracing program, including, but not limited to room locations, who was in the room and information on transportation. Districts will need to maintain adequate records to answer questions. Should this information be needed, the COVID Command Center of the Saratoga County Health Department's COVID Liaison will contact the District's COVID Liaison to obtain the needed information in a timely manner.