

Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

Health and Safety Summary

<p align="center">Protocols to Observe Signs of Illness in Students/Staff</p>	<p align="center">Health Checks</p>	<p align="center">Contact Tracing*</p>
<p><i>The District has developed the following protocol to instruct staff to observe for signs of illness in students and staff:</i> As of 3/8/2021, <u>Typical symptoms include:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fever (A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0 F) • Feel feverish or have chills • Cough • Loss of taste or smell • Fatigue/feeling of tiredness • Sore throat • Shortness of breath or trouble breathing • Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea • Muscle pain or body aches • Headaches • Nasal congestion/runny nose <p>Symptoms can range from mild to severe illness. Such protocol requires symptomatic persons to be sent to the school nurse for further evaluation. Students and staff exhibiting these signs should NOT report to school and/or will be sent to the school health office for an assessment by the school nurse.</p> <p>Bolded symptoms are related to Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome in Children.</p> <p><u>Medical care will immediately be sought for individuals displaying emergency warning signs of COVID-19 which include:</u></p> <p>Serious symptoms:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trouble breathing or is breathing very quickly • Prolonged fever • Is too sick to drink fluids • Severe abdominal pain, diarrhea, or vomiting • Change in skin color – becoming pale, patchy and/or blue • Racing heart or chest pain • Decreased urine output <p>Lethargy, irritability, or confusion Seek immediate medical attention if you have serious symptoms. Always call before visiting your doctor or health facility.</p> <p>On average it takes 5–7 days from when someone is infected with the virus for symptoms to show, however it can take up to 14 days; therefore, it is advisable to wait 5-7 days or when symptomatic for individuals exposed/direct contact to be tested.</p>	<p><i>The District will ensure daily temperature screenings of all students and staff, along with a daily screening questionnaire for faculty and staff and a weekly screening questionnaire for students by instituting the following protocol:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students will be temperature screened by their parent/ guardian before riding on school bus or entering school facility when possible. • All students who arrive to school will be temperature screened by S-VE staff upon arrival to campus. <p>Students who may require screening to be completed at school will be treated in a confidential manner and as quickly as possible.</p> <p>Students/Staff with an elevated temperature (over 100.0 F) will report to a designated area for a secondary screening by the nurse.</p> <p>Faculty and staff will be temperature screened and complete a daily screening questionnaire either:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At home and self-reported to the District through a remote electronic application. • Staff/Students in the red category using the Cayuga Medical program will not be permitted until appropriate steps are taken to turn to green. <p>Staff and students with a yes response to the questionnaire and/or a temperature above the 100.0 F should not report to school until cleared.</p> <p>Students and staff are required to notify the district when they develop symptoms or if their answers to the questionnaire change during or outside school hours.</p> <p><i>Questions that are included in the questionnaire can be viewed in the District Re-Opening Plan posted on our website.</i></p>	<p>Contact Tracing Logs will be maintained for a minimum of 3 weeks.</p> <p><i>Contact tracing is a public health function performed by local public health departments in collaboration with the district to trace all persons who had contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19. This allows public health officials to put in place isolation or other measures to limit the spread of the virus.</i></p> <p>With each positive case, the District will develop a plan with the local health department to trace all contacts of the individual, in accordance with the New York State Contact Tracing Program.</p> <p>Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations.</p> <p><u>If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in the educational program the following actions will occur:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The District will immediately notify the local health departments about the case if diagnostic test results are positive for COVID-19. • In accordance with CDC guidelines, the District will provide for the cleaning and disinfection of exposed areas including all heavy transit areas and high-touch surfaces. • The guidance of the Department of Health will be followed when determining if a closure may be required and to what extent it will impact the district. Depending on the containment measures implemented, it could be anywhere from a specific students/staff groups of individuals, to specific buildings, and/or to the entire school district that needs to transition temporarily to 100% distance learning. The closure may be for 1-5 days or for an extended period of time. • The District will notify families and staff, accordingly, maintaining appropriate confidentiality. • The SchoolMessenger district communication system will be utilized with written notification as a secondary follow-up. <p><i>In the event that our local Health Department(s) determine the need to do contact tracing they will contact the District. The District will cooperate fully with the county health authorities in support of contact tracing.</i></p>

* Access to the buildings is limited to emergencies; however, essential visitors, guests, contractors, and vendors will be subject to a temperature screening and questionnaire upon arrival. Documentation will be maintained for a minimum of 3 weeks.

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If Students or Staff become Ill with Symptoms of COVID-19 at School	Return to School after Illness
<p>Whenever a student 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 isolated. Parents will be contacted immediately, and the student will be sent home. Please make sure the district has your updated contact information.</p> <p>The school nurse may make such evaluations of any school employees, deemed necessary to protect the health of the students and staff. School staff must immediately report any illness of students or staff to the school nurse.</p> <p>The school nurse shall immediately notify the Department of Health of any disease reportable under the public health law.</p> <p>For severe symptoms, the District will call for emergency transport (911) following district protocols, for any student showing any emergency warning signs of COVID-19.</p> <p>The District has a screening protocol outlined in our Reopening Plan that is consistent with state-wide guidelines from the Department of Health. Individuals who exhibit symptoms of COVID prior to arrival or while they are on school grounds are referred to their physician. In the event of a positive test result, the District coordinates our response with local health authorities.</p> <p>In the event of an early dismissal due to COVID concerns, families may be notified to come pick up your child to limit exposure.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0;"> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>COVID Resource</u> <u>Coordinators/School Nurses</u></p> <p style="text-align: center;">S-VE Elementary School Tammy Martinez – tmartinez@svecsd.org (607) 589-7118</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S-VE Middle School Donna Gulde – dgulde@svecsd.org (607) 589-7128</p> <p style="text-align: center;">S-VE High School Teri Valley – tvalley@svecsd.org (607) 589-7148</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nurse Fax Line: (607) 589-3003</p> </div> <p><i>We appreciate your support and partnership in ensuring the health and safety of all. We encourage you to request from your physician that all documentation be shared with the school nurses.</i></p>	<p>In accordance with DOH guidance, the District protocol for the return to school of students and staff following illness (Non-COVID related symptoms):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A student or staff member will be allowed to return to school with documentation from a health care provider. <p>The District will follow DOH guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.</p> <p>If test results are pending or the child does not have a release note from the doctor within 48 hours, all members of the household must quarantine and not return to school until the results are obtained and the student is cleared. If the choice is made to not see a doctor or get tested, the DOH will be notified, and the district must follow the guidance of the DOH.</p> <p>If a person is not diagnosed with COVID-19, they can return to school:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With a healthcare provider written note on letterhead stating they are released to return to school and that COVID testing is not necessary, and/or • a negative COVID test, and • Once temperature is normal, without the use of fever reducing medicine for 72 hours, and • Symptom resolution. <p><i>A student must be cleared to return to school by the school nurse. A staff member must be cleared to return to work by their Supervisor.</i></p> <p>In accordance with DOH guidance, the District protocol for the return to school of students and staff following quarantine due to exposure with a confirmed case of COVID-19</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school will be coordinated with the local health department. <p>In accordance with DOH guidance, the District protocol for the return to school of students and staff following diagnosis of confirmed case of COVID-19 is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to school will be coordinated with the local health department. • A student or staff member will be allowed to return to school after serving their quarantine period, symptom resolution, and released from isolation from the Department of Health. <p><i>A student must be cleared to return to school by the school nurse. A staff member must be cleared to return to work by their Supervisor.</i></p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; margin: 10px 0; text-align: center;"> <p><u>COVID Safety Coordinator</u> Diahann Hesler – sveinfo@svecsd.org (607)589-7100</p> </div>