

# Morris Central School Reopening Plans

## Safety Protocols

### STRATEGY

- The Morris Central School will work closely with representatives from the Otsego County Department of Health (OCDOH).
- In order to help keep our staff and students safe and to properly assist the state and local DOH officials in their work, MCS has added the following protocols:

#### Self-Assessments

##### Staff:

- Staff will be required to take a daily self-assessment and reflect on their own health before coming into school. The screening will be in digital and paper format and asks the following questions:
  - In the past two weeks (14 days) have you experienced any symptoms of COVID19 such as a temperature of greater than 100°F, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme tiredness (fatigue), muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea?
  - Have you traveled internationally or to any of the states that has widespread community transmission of COVID19 per the New York state Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
  - Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID19?
  - Have you tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID19 in the past 14 days?
- If the answer is to any of the questions are YES, the person will not be allowed to enter and is directed to contact their healthcare professional for testing.
- If anyone refuses screening, he or she will not be allowed to enter the building and will be charged their paid time off/sick time for that day.

##### Students:

- Students or their parents are required to complete the self-assessment before coming into school. If the screening is not completed at home, it will be completed upon entry at school. The screening will be in digital and paper format and asks the following questions:
  - In the past two weeks (14 days) have you experienced any symptoms of COVID19 such as a temperature of greater than 100°F, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, extreme tiredness (fatigue), muscle or body aches,

headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea?

- Have you traveled internationally or to any of the states that has widespread community transmission of COVID19 per the New York state Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
- Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID19?
- Have you tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID19 in the past 14 days?
- If the answer to any of the questions are YES, the student will not be allowed to enter school and are directed to contact their healthcare professional for testing.

#### Visitors

- Nonessential visitors will be limited, they should make an appointment prior to entry, will be required to complete a self-assessment (same questions asked as for staff), and will have their temperature taken prior to entry into school.
- If the answers to any of the questions are YES, or the visitor has a temperature over 100°F, they will not be allowed entry into school.

#### Symptom Response

#### Training

- Training will be provided to all staff to assist them in the recognition of COVID19 symptoms, proper handwashing, and how to wear and handle a face covering.
- Similar training will be provided to all students at the beginning of the school year.

#### Postage/Signage

- Signage about signs/symptoms of COVID19, proper handwashing protocols, requirements of face coverings and reminders for self-assessment checks have been posted at entrances, bathrooms and in hallways and common areas.

#### Information to Students/Parents/Staff Members

- The written protocol on signs of COVID19 that will require a student to stay home from school has been posted on the district's website as part of our overall reentry plan and will be sent to parents/guardians at the start of the school year.
- Parents/guardians and staff members will be provided resources to educate them regarding the careful observation of symptoms of COVID19 and the health screening that must be conducted each morning prior to coming to school.
- Parents/guardians and school staff will be instructed that any student or staff member with a fever of greater than 100°F and/or symptoms of possible COVID19 virus infection should not be present in school.

#### School Nurse

- The MCS nurse was a member of our reentry committee and has been consulted on various parts of the plan. She has also been consulted on other safety measures in the district.
- All staff will be instructed to send ill students displaying possible COVID19 symptoms to an isolation room and then the school nurse will evaluate the student in the isolation room.
- If a school nurse is not available, MCS staff will isolate and dismiss any student or staff member who has a fever or other symptoms of COVID19 that are not explained by a chronic health condition for follow-up with a health care provider.
- School health personnel will wear PPE when assessing ill persons or conducting certain respiratory treatments.

## COVID19 TESTING

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- Morris Central School does not have the personnel or supplies to test their own staff or students.
- If a student displays symptoms of COVID19 while in school and is enrolled in the Bassett School Based Health Zone, a member of the Bassett School Based Health Zone will work with the parents to have the student tested. This may take place before the student leaves school or will be scheduled for a later date.
- If a student displays symptoms of COVID19 while at home and is enrolled in the Bassett School Based Health Zone, the parent/guardian should contact the School Based Health Zone and a remote location for testing will be provided for the student.
- If a student displays symptoms of COVID19 and is not enrolled in the Bassett School Based Health Zone, the parent/guardian must contact the student's health care provider for an approved testing site.
- If a staff member displays symptoms of COVID19, he/she should contact their health care provider for an approved testing site.
- If a student or staff member does not have a primary health care provider, they can call the Bassett Healthcare Triage Line at (607) 547-5555

## CONTACT TRACING

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- The Otsego County Department of Health is responsible for contact tracing for any case in Otsego County. We will work closely with them to provide as much information as possible to assist with this work. The data would include class lists, attendance records, building entrance and exit data, self-assessment responses, and contact information.