

## *Chenango Forks CSD In-Person Education Protocols for Health & Safety*

### **Prior to arriving to school or boarding a bus:**

- Students will answer a screening questionnaire to ensure that they have not: knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or has shown symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100' F in the past 14 days, and/or has travelled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID- 19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days. The survey will be filled out every two weeks.
- Students will be seated in assigned seats on their bus and be seated from the back to the front of the bus. Students must wear masks on the bus, unless otherwise noted in these protocols.
- Staff will answer a screening survey to ensure that they have not: knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or has shown symptoms of COVID-19, tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days, has experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100 F in the past 14 days, and/or has travelled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days. The survey will be answered daily online before the staff member comes to work.

### **Upon arrival to the school building:**

- Students who arrive by bus will disembark from the front to the back of the bus and proceed to the school entrance.
- Students will have a handheld thermometer reading to ensure a temperature below 100 F. Any student with a temperature 100 F or higher will immediately be escorted to the building's isolation room to be examined by a nurse.  
Students will proceed directly to the area they are assigned. Students will not gather or linger in hallways or other common areas. Students may proceed to a breakfast line where they can purchase breakfast and will then proceed to their classroom to eat.

### **While in the school building:**

- Students will wear a mask at all times they are not seated in their instructional space where they are socially distanced from others.

- Grades 6-12 will move from classroom to classroom for instruction. All student hallway traffic will be one-directional as indicated by hallway signage.
- Students will be continually instructed regarding practices of proper hand and respiratory hygiene.
- Staff will wear a mask at all times they are not seated in their instructional space where they are socially distanced from others.
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**Visitors/Staff:**

- Visitors will have their temperatures taken by handheld thermometers to ensure a temperature below 100 F. Any staff member or visitor with a temperature 100 F or higher will immediately be denied access to the building.

**Management of Unwell Persons:**

- Any student or staff exhibiting signs or symptoms of illness will be immediately sent to the school nurse where further evaluation will take place.
- Staff must call the nurse prior to sending a student to their office.
- Schools will continue to follow Education Law 906.
- Staff suspected of having COVID-19 will be sent home to seek medical consultation immediately.
- Students suspected of having COVID-19 will be sent to an isolation area where they will await transport home by a parent or guardian.
- Areas used by a sick person will be closed off and not used until after cleaning and disinfection has occurred.
- Outside doors and windows will be opened to increase air circulation in the area.
- All areas used by the sick person will be cleaned and disinfected.
- Once areas have been appropriately cleaned and disinfected, they will be reopened for use.

**Returning to School After Illness:**

- Schools will follow CDC guidance for allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19. If a person is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider with COVID-19 they can return to school once there is no fever, without the use of fever-reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours; if they have been diagnosed with another condition and has a healthcare provider written note stating they are clear to return to school.
- If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test or their symptoms or does not get a COVID-19 test but has symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until it has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms; it has been at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); and it has been at least three days since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.