

Hammondsport Central School

COVID-19 Testing Plan August 2020



The Hammondsport Central District will screen all students and staff daily as required and as outlined in the District's reopening plan posted at www.hammondsportcsd.org . If any student/staff are identified to have a fever over 100 degrees Fahrenheit, or have symptoms of Covid-19 consistent with those detailed by the DOH, they will be moved immediately to the District quarantine location (currently the girls PE office and locker room spaces). The school nurse does have the ability to rescreen if they believe the initial screening was not accurate or reflective of potential illness.

If it is determined that the student needs to leave the building, the school nurse (or their designee) will immediately contact the student's parents and arrange for the student to be picked up from the quarantine location as soon as possible. If it is determined a staff member needs to leave they will be directed to leave immediately.

Upon pick-up, the school nurse will outline for the parents the necessary steps which need to be taken at that time based on the latest guidance from the DOH and NYSED. The Hammondsport Central School District will follow all NYSDOH and NYSED guidance regarding COVID -19 testing and allowing a student or staff member to return to school after exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.

The Hammondsport Central School independently cannot and will not require students or staff to take and pass a COVID-19 test. It will be up to the student or staff member's physician OR the DOH to make the determination of when a COVID-19 test is required and direct the parent or staff member accordingly. The District is responsible for providing accurate and current guidance to both students and staff so they can take the necessary steps to return to school as soon as possible.

When a student or staff member is sent home following a failed screening, or exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms, the school nurse will document the name, grade level, and reason. Only summary information such as the number of students and staff sent home daily will be shared with the Superintendent and Steuben County Department of Health.

If a parent elects not to have their student see a physician following being required to leave campus for COVID-19 symptoms, the school nurse will maintain contact and make the Superintendent aware of the situation. In these cases, the final determination of when a student can return to school will be made by the school physician or the Steuben County Department of Health.

If the parents take their son/daughter to see a physician, one of the three scenarios will be followed below in order for the student to return to school:

1. If an individual is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician , nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) 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 have a **healthcare provider written note** stating they are clear to return to school.

2. If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test and/or their 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 (**72 hours**) since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); and
- It has been at least three days (**72 hours**) since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

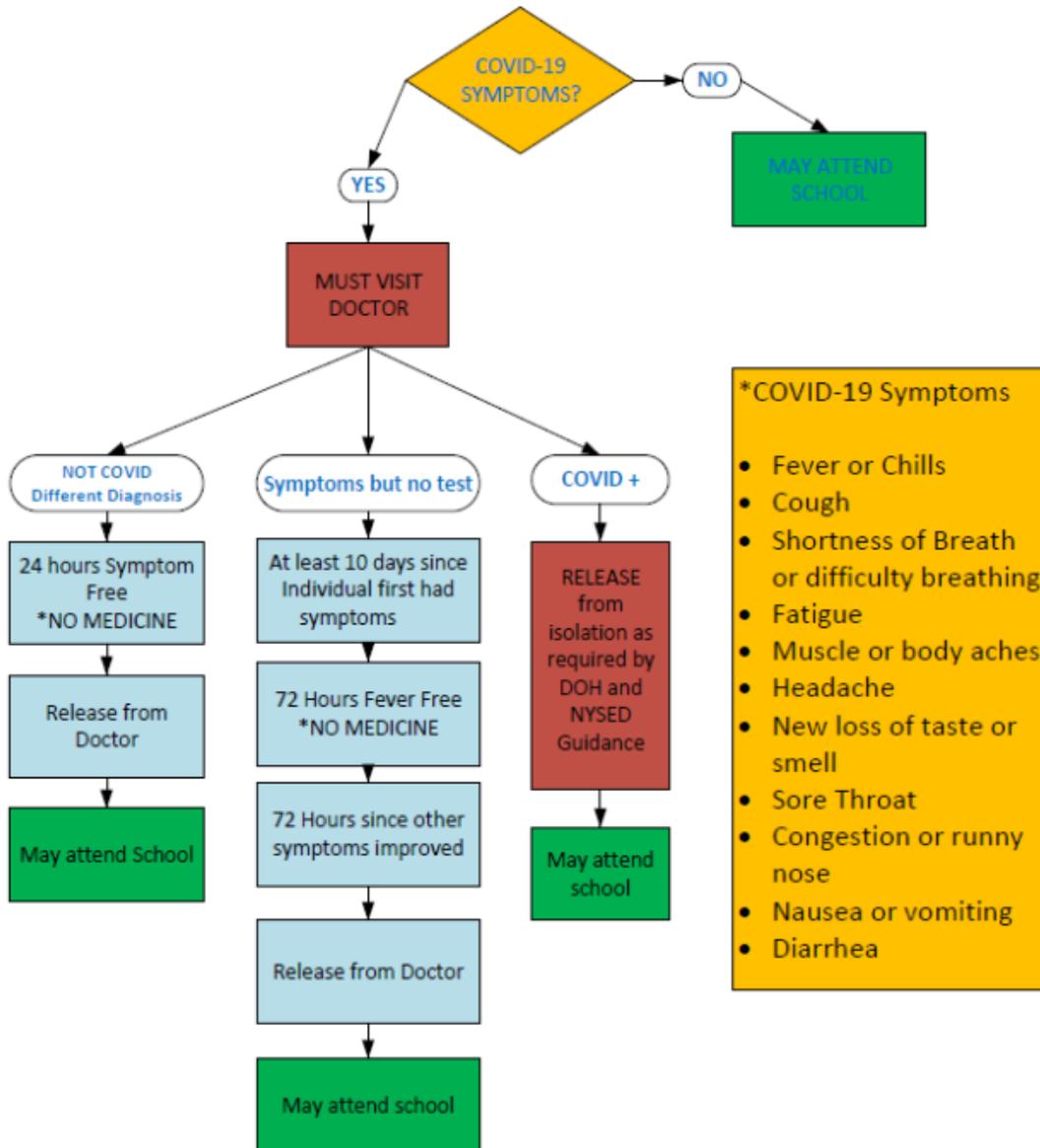
Positive case → requirements will be determined through consultation with the DOH, but will likely include a minimum of health care provider evaluation, negative COVID-19 Test, and release from isolation DOH.

3. If a person is **NOT diagnosed** with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider **but does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms**, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:

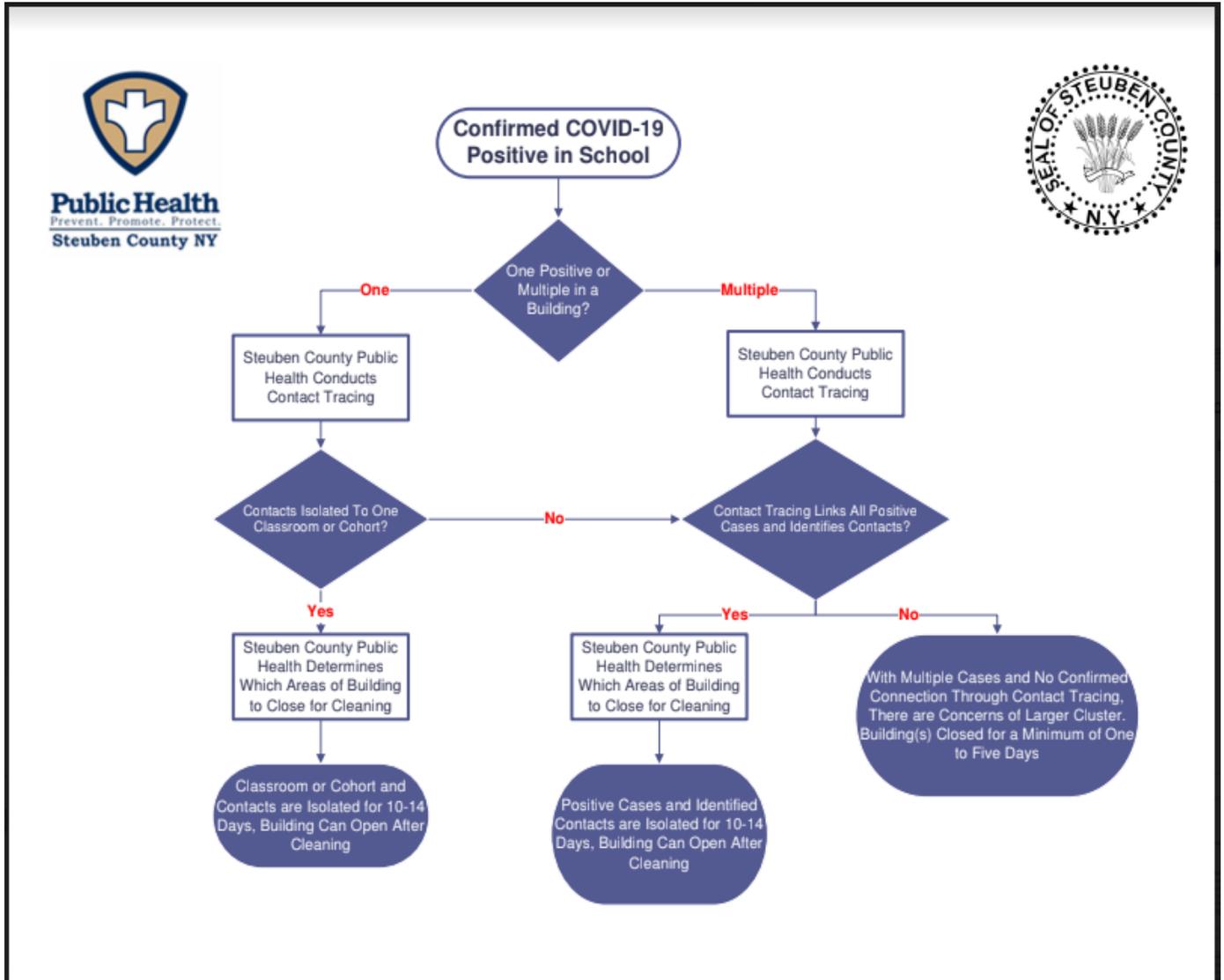
- It has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms;
- It has been at least three days (**72 hours**) since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); and
- It has been at least three days (**72 hours**) since the individual's symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

Requirements will be determined through consultation with the DOH, but will likely include a minimum of health care provider evaluation, and release from quarantine by DOH.

Failed Screening / ILLNESS v. Return to School



If the student/staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the following process will be followed:



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