

Monitoring & Responding to COVID-19 Cases in School Buildings

Responsible Parties will review warning signs on a daily basis to ensure that COVID-19 transmission is not increasing in the school setting. Each school building will be individually monitored, as well as reviewing network-wide metrics. This monitoring will include adequate measures as defined by the NYS and/or NYC Department of Health such that the Responsible Parties will be able to make decisions on a daily basis. If the infection rate within a school building shows a concerning increase in the seven day average, which will be monitored daily, with the approval of the Brooklyn Prospect Charter School Board and in consultation with the NYC Department of Health, the school building or all school buildings may be closed and transitioned to full remote learning. If a COVID-19 case is discovered in one of our schools, the entire building will be closed per the NYC Department of Health recommended amount of time and deep cleaned, per the guidelines of the NYC Department of Health. Students and staff who interacted with the individual with the confirmed case will be required to quarantine for the recommended amount of time.

- a. Responsible Parties will consult with their assigned NYCDOH nurse to determine which staff and students presenting symptoms should be referred for COVID-19 tests. COVID-19 testing is available across New York City and unless determined otherwise by NYCDOH, students and staff will continue to use their own doctors or clinics/hospitals of their choice.
- b. In consultation with the NYC Department of Health, Prospect Schools will ensure that students, faculty, and staff who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms meet the appropriate requirements for returning to an in-person learning / working environment. At this time, the requirements will include the below, to be modified as appropriate:
 - i. 10-day quarantine for students, faculty, and staff who test positive for COVID-19.
 1. If 10 days have passed and the individual has no fever, they may return to school.
- c. Prospect Schools will follow NYC Department of Health guidance on the specific symptoms requiring quarantine periods of different lengths.
- d. In consultation with the NYC Department of Health, Prospect Schools will ensure that students, faculty, and staff who had close or proximate contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19, and individuals with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID-19 as designated through the New York State Travel Advisory, meet the appropriate requirements for returning to an in-person learning / working environment.

- i. At this time, the guidance requires exposed individuals quarantine for 14 days.
- e. If a student or staff member tests positive, BPCS staff will implement a normed communication protocol that will:
 - i. Communicate cases to the Department of Health and ensure that they can take appropriate contact tracing measures.
 - ii. Inform relevant stakeholders, while taking measures to protect the privacy of students and staff members.
 - 1. This includes quarantine notices for a specific batch of students and staff for the recommended length of time.
 - iii. Inform relevant stakeholders of school closure for the recommended length of time and the procedures to deep clean in the recommended manner.
- f. If another person in the same residence of the student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19, that student or staff member should not attend school in-person.
- g. If someone is contacted via contact tracing and told that they have been in contact with someone who has tested positive, and are told to quarantine, they should do so.
- h. Schools are prohibited from keeping records of student, faculty, staff, and visitor health data (ie: the specific temperature data of an individual), but are permitted to maintain records that confirm individuals were screened and the result of such screening (ie: pass/fail, cleared/not cleared).