



Geneseo Central School Opening Plan 2021 – 2022 School Year

August 26, 2021

The District will continue to prioritize the health and safety of all its family members, and the preservation of in-person instruction during the 2021 – 2022 school year. The following protocols have been developed in consultation with the Livingston County Department of Health (LCDOH), Dr. Gregory Collins, Medical Director, GCS Administrative Team and GCS Team Leaders. **Mandates, regulatory changes, data, and experiences may result in modifications to protocols.**

COVID-19 Vaccination

The District will continue to support students, staff, faculty and administration who are interested in obtaining COVID-19 vaccines. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccines may be found at:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- New York State: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>
- Livingston County DOH <https://www.livgov.com/health/ph/Pages/COVID-19-Vaccination-Scheduling.aspx>

The District **WILL NOT** mandate COVID-19 vaccines for its students, staff, faculty and administration.

Face Coverings

Universal Mask Required:

Indoors: Regardless of their vaccination status, all students, staff and visitors must wear a mask indoors.

Outdoors:

Face masks are Not Required. Students and staff can unmask outdoors.

Screening

Parents/guardians will be responsible for screening their students for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to boarding District transportation or entering District facilities. Employees and visitors are responsible for monitoring themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering District facilities. A Daily Health Screener **Will Not** be required for the 21-22 school year.

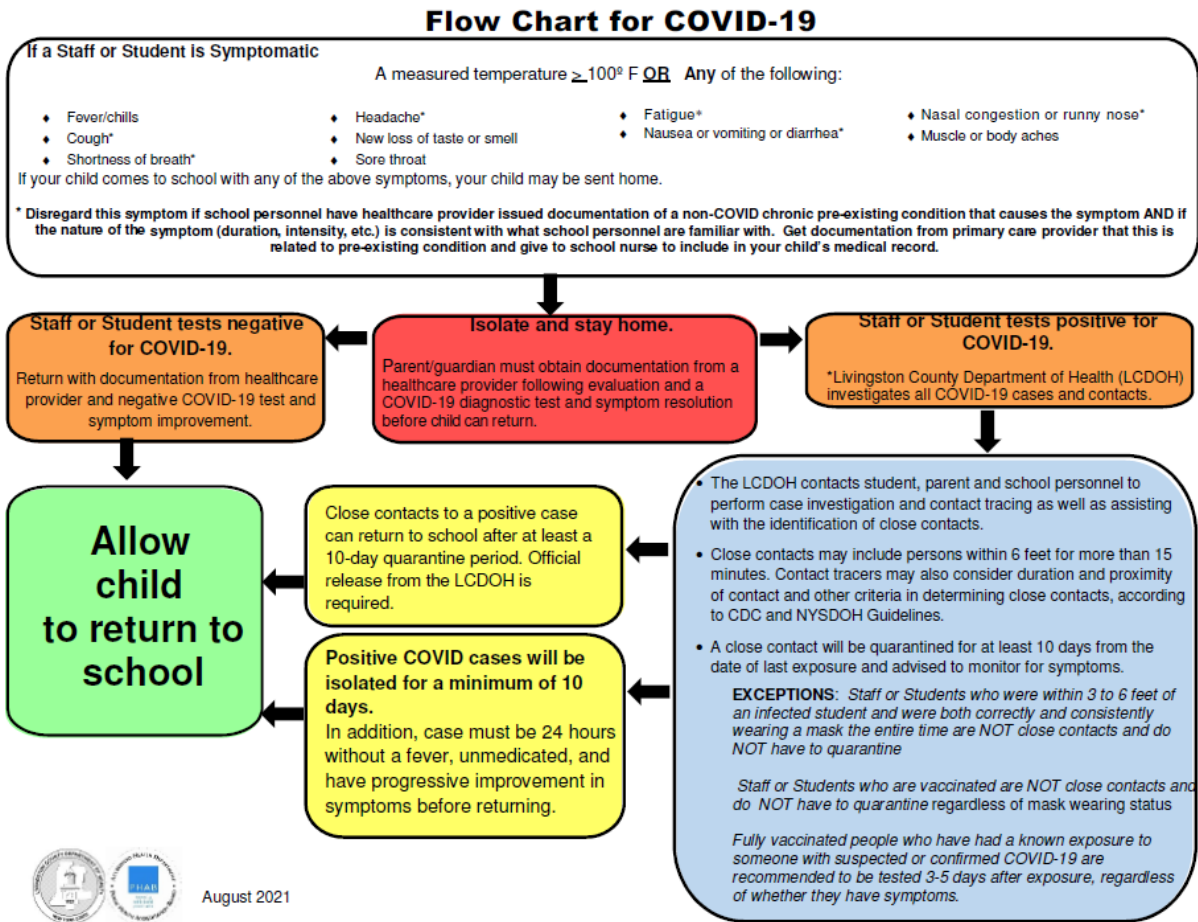
Symptoms of COVID-19:

- A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
- 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

Individuals will consult their healthcare providers prior to returning to school.

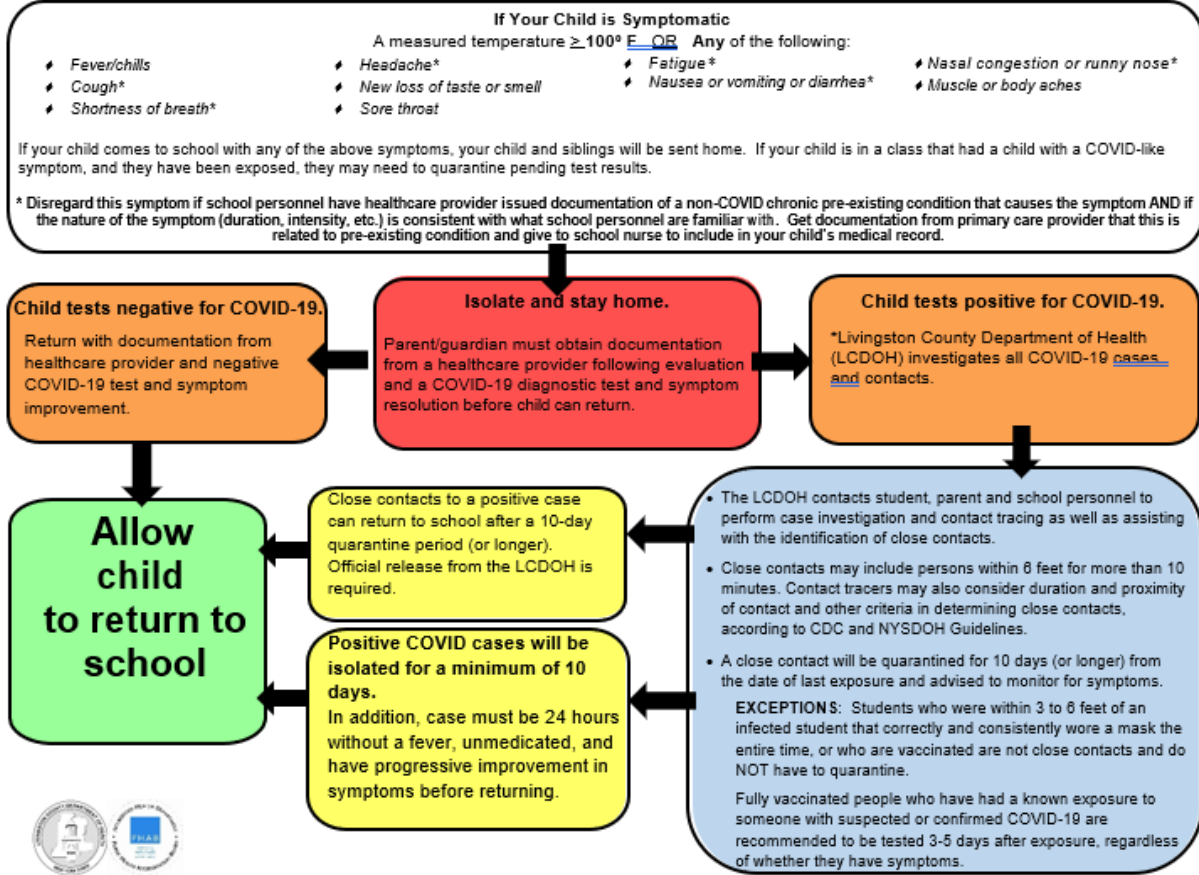
Contact Tracing and Quarantine

The District will support the LCDOH’s COVID-19 spread mitigation efforts by implementing the following contact tracing and quarantine protocols:



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Parent Flow Chart for COVID-19



- A **close contact** is an individual who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of fifteen (15) minutes or more over a twenty-four (24)-hour period.
- Contact tracing will include the forty-eight (48)-hour period prior to the onset of symptoms of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual or date of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual's test if asymptomatic.
- **Close contacts** will be quarantined per the LCDOH's direction.
- An individual will be **excluded** from the quarantine requirement if:
 - o both the infected individual and **close contact** individual correctly and consistently wore well-fitting face coverings the entire time of the **close contact**.
 - Or:**
 - o he/she is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.
 - The District must have documentation of vaccination on file prior to the initiation of a contact trace for an individual to be excluded from the quarantine requirement.
 - Or:**
 - o he/she was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last ninety (90) days.

Physical Distancing

Classrooms

The District will adhere to the CDC's recommendation of three (3) feet of physical distance, when practicable within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. This includes music classes and physical education classes.

Cafeteria

Lunch:

Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria at desks spread 3 feet apart.

Breakfast:

Breakfast for grades K-5 will be served in the classroom.

Breakfast for grades 6-12 will be served in the cafeteria.

Food Service

Students will eat their meals in the District's cafeterias during their prescribed lunch times.

Transportation

- Capacity on District transportation will return to loading limits as prescribed by the sizes and types of the New York State Department of Transportation defined motor vehicles transporting school-age passengers to and from schools.
- Face coverings are required for **ALL** individuals riding District transportation. This is congruent with current public transportation procedures.
- Parents/guardians may elect to transport their students to and from school.

Instruction

The District is committed to the safe return of **ALL** its students to in-person instruction. Federal and state governments and agencies have committed significant resources to sustain in-person learning. The District will proceed with its in-person instructional model for **ALL** its students for the 2021 – 22 school year.

Remote Instruction

The District has prioritized the safe return for all students to be in-person 5 days a week. Students who are medically exempt from in-person learning may be provided with remote instruction from an outside service provider such as BOCES.

Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

All staff and students will be trained to follow COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene.

Ventilation

Ventilation with fresh outside air will be ensured in all occupied spaces. Where rooms are serviced by air cooling/conditioning, fresh air is mixed with filtered recycled air and windows do not need to be open. The Building Maintenance Supervisor will ensure that all occupied spaces have an operable system to bring outside air into occupied spaces and that those systems are maintained to operate in accordance with the original design.

Cleaning and Disinfecting

Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Students will be trained on the developmentally appropriate disinfecting of personal equipment (e.g., desk, workstations, supplies) at intervals throughout the day as designated by school staff members. Cleaning and sanitizing will remain vigorous. The district is stocked with personal protective equipment (PPE), sanitizer, masks, gloves and surface cleaning supplies. The immediate area(s) occupied by a symptomatic or positive student or staff member will be disinfected as soon as possible after identification.

Water fountains may not be used. Water bottles may be refilled at refill stations

Extra-curricular Activities

The District is planning for ALL extra-curricular activities for the 2021 – 22 school year. The aforementioned section on ‘Face Coverings’ will apply to ALL District-sponsored activities and events occurring within the school building.

Field trips will be considered on a case by case basis. Outdoor field trips do not require masking. Clubs and activities are permitted.

Athletics

Geneseo CSD is committed to ensuring the safe participation of students in athletics. Masks are not required for outdoor activities or outdoor athletics. Masks are required as tolerated for athletes for indoor sports. Spectators must wear a mask while indoors.

Visitors

Scheduled visitors to any school or school facility must adhere to District safety protocols. Visitors are not permitted to enter the schools during arrival/dismissal times and must have scheduled appointments or scheduled events.

Emergency Closures

If required to close any or all schools or individual classrooms due to COVID-19 transmission rates, the school, schools or classroom teacher will transition to remote learning the following school day. Teachers will have emergency learning activities available for immediate implementation. The District will assist families who need wifi-hotspots in the event of a long term closure or classroom quarantine.

The District is in constant contact with the Livingston County Health Officials and regional school districts. **Circumstances may necessitate adjustment to the aforementioned protocols.**

Mandates, regulatory changes, data, and experiences that result in modifications to these protocols will be communicated via email and/or text messages and on our website.

Sincerely,

Cindy Flowers
Superintendent