

School Reopening COVID-19 Contact Tracing Protocol

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- **Once a lab confirmed case has been reported to the Onondaga County Health Department (OCHD):**
 - A staff person (case investigator) from OCHD will contact the confirmed case and their parent/guardian in the case of a student.
 - The confirmed case is interviewed and contacts identified.
 - School personnel assist health department in identifying specifics pertaining to the exposure.
 - The confirmed case is out in isolation for 10 days.
 - Release from isolation can only be granted by OCHD.

- **Contact Tracer will interview all contacts:**
 - All contacts of confirmed case interviewed to determine exposure risk.
 - 14-day quarantine is issued by contact tracer for all close contacts of confirmed case.

- **Quarantine Process:**
 - Those directed to quarantine will be monitored by contact tracers for signs and symptoms of COVID-19
 - Contacts who develop symptoms become a Person Under Investigation (PUI) and are referred for testing and further investigation
 - Positive tests reported to OCHD and process begins again
 - Release from quarantine can only be granted by OCHD.

- **Guidance from Health Department on school closure related to positive cases**
 - School closure depends on the rate of infection in the community
 - Closure will occur with the consultation and guidance of OCHD and can vary depending on the situation:
 - One such example is if there are two separate, and seemingly unrelated, cases in two different classrooms of the same building