

CPCS Reopening Plan

Parents Questions & Answers

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support of the Crown Point Central School. We have had a tremendously positive response to our Reopening Plan. Parents were asked to complete a survey over the weekend of July 31st. We had 124 responses and over 90% of parents wanted their kids to come back to school in-person on September 8th. We recently sent out a CPCS Reopening form for parents to elect to return in-person, or to learn remotely and to let us know their transportation needs. The following is a list of questions and answers we have received since the release of our Reopening Plan. If anyone has further questions, please call us at 518-597-3285 or email to info@cpcsteam.org

Again, thank you for support as we navigate through our CPCS Reopening Plan. We are excited to see your children on September 8th! We miss our Panther Family!!!

Parent Questions:

1. We are not comfortable with any Covid testing being done by anyone other than our physician; what recourse do we have?

Answer: There will be no COVID testing done by CPCS. Only your primary care physicians can require and administer a test when they deem necessary. If the local health department is involved in any case and does contact tracing, they could set up a testing site but you would be well informed and be in charge of your own choices.

2. The end of the last school year did not count for any of the students in New York. Can we be assured that the work will count this year?

Answer: We chose pass/fail last year due to the quick shift to remote learning and the challenges that came with that. It was the only fair way to assess the 4th quarter. We are using our traditional grading system for this year. Everything will count. Attendance will be required. We are in a much better position to know that our students will get what they need both in-person and if we need to go remote.

3. While we understand the need for temperatures and covid questions, we feel that doing this with the children and parents every morning is not in compliance with safety (social distancing); are we able to fill out the questionnaire and take temperatures daily at home and send in the results via email?

Answer: To begin the school year are we doing temperature checks before bus access. And also for non-bus students, before entering the building. This layer assures that everyone has been checked. We trust that you can do this and probably will do it as well. Not everyone can/will do this. This responsibility will be transitioned to parents as soon as we can safely be assured the system will work. As an extra precaution for all,

we cannot chance this step in the process. All bus monitors or temperature check personnel will have proper PPE. Masks, gloves, etc. Our plan is to shift to a district wide daily system to get parent assurances. Several area districts are trying different software systems for this. We thought it wise to see how those systems go and make the best choice after a few weeks.

4. If we choose to have the kids doing remote learning, would it be pre-recorded instruction and self-paced learning for my child? Or will they login to live classes?
5. Will remote learning options be made available for families not comfortable with sending their children back to school?
6. I intend to keep all 4 of my children home for Remote Learning when school begins this year. Would you please let me know what will be required for this.
7. Will remote learning options be made available for families not comfortable with sending their children back to school?
8. We are uncomfortable with our children returning to school at this time. What do we need to do to continue with virtual learning or homeschooling?
9. I am also writing to let you know that my 2 daughters will be signing up for virtual learning. I am unsure how to do this so any information is appreciated.
10. How can I get the papers that i need to fill out to keep my girls learning from home for the 1st quarter? Will learning material be sent home for them like it was in the spring?
11. Please let me know what I need to do to make the online schooling through CPCS work please.
12. What if we want to do remote learning with our children?

Answer: You should receive a Reopening Form in the mail soon to make your choice. It needs to be returned by 8/21. We will be giving families a schedule of classes for each student who is learning remotely. Each class may look a bit different depending on the grade level and subject. Students will join their class through Google Classroom. Work may also be sent home and they can connect through Google Classroom at any time. Attendance (virtual) will be required as we have to report this information to the State. Submission of work will also be evidence of participation/attendance. Because we only have one teacher per grade level / subject area, we do not have enough staff to do 2 totally separate kinds of learning, in-person and remote learning. We will expect that students will join during our scheduled class times to connect with teachers and their classmates. We understand that some families are choosing to stay home. We will do our best to help your children if you choose remote. If remote is your choice, it will be until the first quarter ends on November 6th, when you will get to make an in-person or remote choice again.

13. What date will we need to make a decision by, to let the school know if we will be doing in-person or remote learning?

Answer: Reopening Forms must be completed by all families and be returned by August 21st so that we can complete our classroom and transportation planning.

14. My daughter used her iPad pro last year and was able to do all of her work through there --no papers or printing needed-- will she be allowed to use it this year? My other daughter is also getting a chromebook plus will she be able to use that for school?

Answer: Our Technology support person said that any personal apple products and chrome books CAN be used at school. However, we cannot allow other types of devices. Because we have limited hours and days of Tech support, it could take a couple weeks to get personal devices set up in our system. We will do our best to get this done quickly for those who want to bring their own, district approved, device.

15. We do not want our child to miss the opportunity to attend a program at CVTEC. Will they be able to do remote learning for the remainder of their required classes at Crown Point?

Answer: It is a great opportunity that we don't want students to miss either! CVTEC is using an AARBB schedule. Juniors will attend CVTEC in Mineville ALL DAY on Mondays and Tuesdays, Seniors and New Visions students will go ALL DAY on Thursdays and Fridays. Wednesday is a remote day for CVTEC. All Crown Point CVTEC students will be picked up by bus on a separate bus route to get to the Mineville campus by 8:15 am and be picked up by the end of their day around 2:15pm and delivered home. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Juniors will be picked up by bus to attend 2 classes on those days at CPCS. US History is from 11:45 am - 12:25pm and English 11 is from 12:25-1:05pm. A bus will take Juniors back home at 1:05pm. These 2 classes are required and students will have a Regents exam in June for them. Seniors will have to complete their Economics and Government courses through Crown Point. It is scheduled at CPCS from 12:25 pm - 1:05 pm. We will be working with Seniors individually to complete this graduation requirement, and all others. It is probable that most Seniors who attend CVTEC or New Visions programs will NOT have to attend any in-person classes at Crown Point School.

16. What happens if someone gets the COVID-19 in the school system? Also my son has a pre health condition (asthma) what is the plan for children that are more prone to get the COVID-19?

Answer: The flow chart below is the process the **Essex County Health Department (ECHD)** expects to follow for all lab confirmed cases of COVID-19.

Local health department and school coordination is an integral part of mitigating Covid-19. Both are committed to coordinating all activities necessary to ensure the health of students, staff, and the community.

The **Essex County Health Department will conduct case investigation and contact tracing** for individuals with a confirmed diagnosis of Covid-19. Contact tracing is part of the case investigation and is a process to identify, monitor, and support individuals who may have been exposed to a person with COVID-19.

- **ECHD** staff will:

- Issue a health department Order of Isolation to all lab confirmed positive cases and monitor cases per existing guidelines - minimum 10 day isolation from either symptom onset (symptomatic individuals) or first positive test (asymptomatic individuals).
- Identify potential contacts through interview of the person with COVID-19 (or parent/guardian).
 - The positive person (or parent/guardian for children) is interviewed by **ECHD** staff, who elicit information about the person's illness, determine when they may have become infectious and determine other people who might have been exposed.
 - The potentially exposed individuals (or parents/guardians) are then interviewed and persons who are determined to be close contacts are issued health Orders of Quarantine for 14 days from the date of last exposure.
 - For both cases and close contacts, public health staff will monitor their health status and compliance with disease control measures.
 - All cases and contacts will be linked to testing, treatment, or other resources, as needed and appropriate.
- Any contact who becomes symptomatic will be referred for testing and if positive will be converted to a case, where the initial process will start over again.

- **School** staff will:

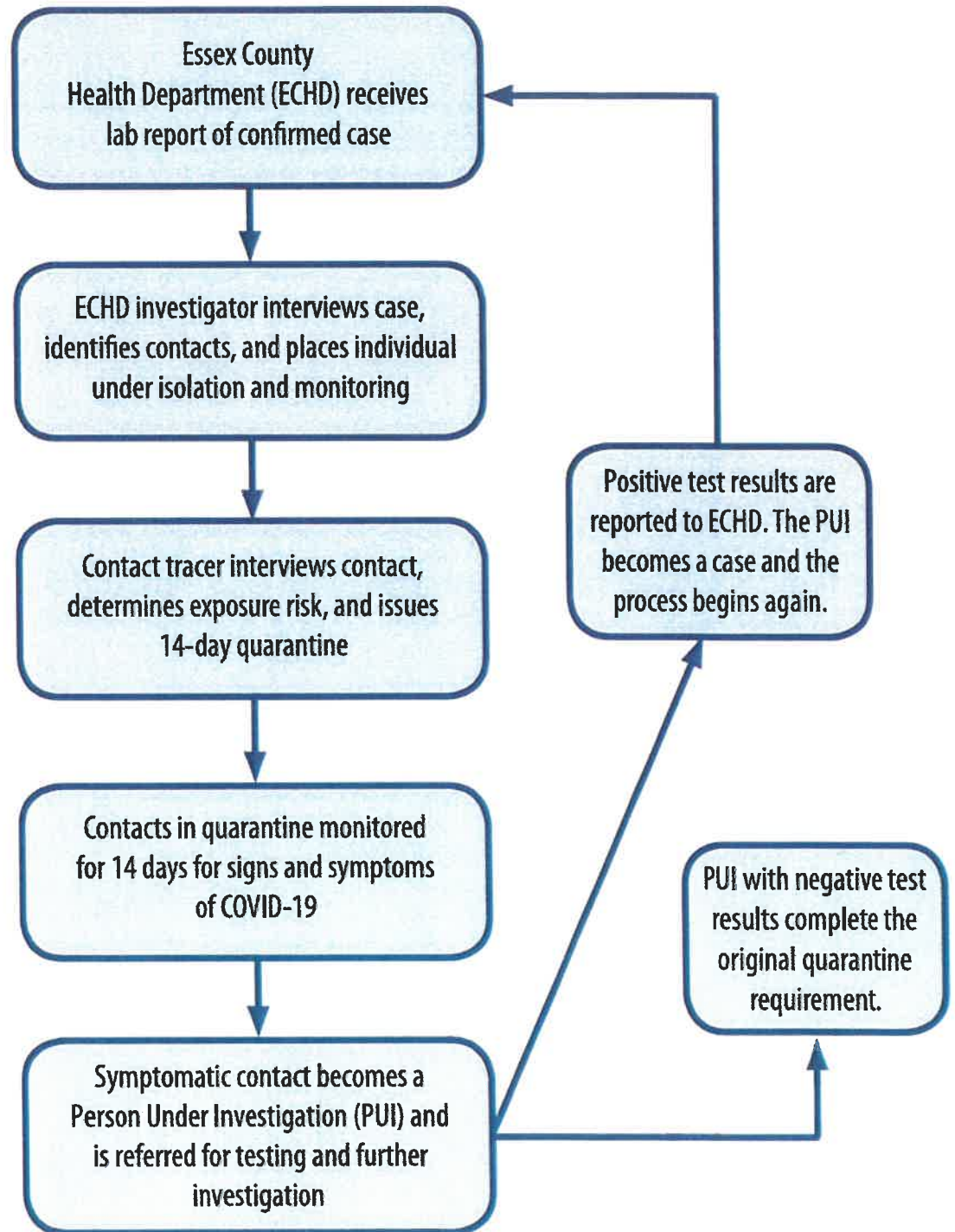
- Provide all necessary tracking information that will help narrow the scope of the investigation to include only the individuals that meet the pre-defined criteria of a contact.
- Participate in interviews conducted by **ECHD**.
- Align return to school policies for COVID-19 cases and contacts with ECHD isolation and quarantine time frames and release documentation.

****School districts are not expected to conduct contact tracing activities or make final determinations on potential exposures. They will work with ECHD to ensure a prompt and thorough investigation for all scenarios where COVID-19 is confirmed or suspected. All existing protocols for the mitigation of communicable disease apply****

We have a School Closure Rubric in our Reopening Plan that was developed with the Local Health Departments to use as guidance. Compliance with all CDC, NYSED and Department of Health are in place for all students and staff at CPCS.

In conclusion, if you have any more questions, please submit to info@cpcsteam.org by Wednesday, August 19th so we can update our parent communication. We thank you for your support as we navigate through our CPCS Reopening Plan. We are excited to see your children on September 8th! We miss our Panther Family!!!

Lab-Confirmed COVID-19 Case & Contact Flow



*****School administration, school health staff, and student support services provide ECHD with information and assistance with investigations upon request*****

