



Westchester County School Reopening Workgroup

COVID - 19 Update

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New Protocols for Release from Isolation or Quarantine

The procedure for release from isolation or quarantine has changed, as per the oversight of NYSDOH. The weblink and standard form letter on the DOH websites no longer exists.

Individuals will now receive letters or e-mails as part of the conclusion of their contact tracing.

School districts can request copies of these notices from students or staff, if they desire. Neither NYSDOH nor WCDOH require these letters for release, as completion of the quarantine or isolation is deemed sufficient.

It is understood that a number of individuals have been directed to quarantine as part of the school decision-making process, in consultation with WCDOH, but did not get contacted by NYSDOH contact tracers. The vast majority of them have not been contacted due to lacking good contact information.

For those individuals, it is up to the schools to decide if they want to allow reentry based upon knowledge of full completion, or request clarification from the state.

To request clarification from the state, school administrators can send an e-mail to:

SchoolQuestionsCOVID@health.ny.gov and provide the individuals name, d.o.b. and date and location of testing (if known) and request to know if the person has completed quarantine or isolation.

All of that said, because we are facing an infectious disease, your school has the final say under NYS Education Law to determine who is to be excluded from, or allowed into, school buildings relative to COVID-19.