Information on Testing & Contact Tracing
E2CCB works with the Department of Health in both Erie and Chautauqua Counties. Information can be found below:

**Erie County, NY Department of Health**

**Chautauqua County Department of Health**
Return to Campus: Questions related to testing

- It is strongly recommended by NYSED that schools comply with CDC guidance and not conduct COVID-19 testing or require testing or antibody testing of students or staff members.

- The decision of whether a test needs to be conducted should be determined by a healthcare provider or the local department of health.
Protocols for Actual or Suspected Exposure

- Contact tracing
  - Local Department of Health
  - E2CCB’s Role
- Communications with staff and parents
  - Under no circumstances will personal identifiable information be released.
  - Notifications will be released to staff and parents if a case is confirmed.
  - Notifications will not occur in other circumstances
Contact Tracing
Local Department of Health

Contact tracing is a public health function performed by local public health departments to trace all persons who had close contact with an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

Contact tracers work with people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to identify people they have had close contact with and let them know they may have been exposed to the disease.

This allows public health officials to put in place isolation or other measures to limit the spread of the virus.
What is “close contact”?

A close contact is defined as any individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 10 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to positive specimen collection).
In general, contact tracers will:

- Interview positive patients;
- Identify and interview their close contacts to determine their risk of exposure;
- Provide those contacts with instructions for isolation or quarantine, if necessary;
- Monitor their symptoms as needed; and
- Refer them to testing, if appropriate.
Contact Tracing
E2CCB’s Role

E2CCB will cooperate with local health department contact tracing by:

● Keeping accurate attendance records of students and staff members;
● Maintaining up-to-date seating charts for students;
● Ensuring student and staff schedules are up to date; and
● Keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time and where in the school they visited.

Note - Staff and visitor sign-in logs will be used if contact tracing is necessary. Sign-in information is only provided to the local Department of Health if there is a request for contact tracing.
Contact Tracing
Local Department of Health

• If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19, the local Department of Health will begin contact tracing and may notify E2CCB as part of that process.
• As part of contact tracing, the local Department of Health may also contact individuals that were in close contact with the employee or student, such as co-workers, students, etc.
• Note - Confidentiality must be maintained as required by federal and state laws and regulations.

Questions

• Please submit questions to covidinfo@e2ccb.org

• More information on E2CCB’s reopening plan is available at: https://www.e2ccb.org/reopeningplan