

- once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected it can be reopened for use; and
- individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.
- *Notification* - the NYS and local health departments will be notified immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff and visitors.

### **Contact Tracing**

Public Health Officials assume the task of contact tracing, once notified.

To ensure the school district and its employees comply with contact tracing and disinfection requirements, the Schodack Central School District will do the following:

- have a plan for cleaning, disinfection, and notifying the Rensselaer County Health Department, in the event of a positive case. In the case of an employee testing positive for COVID-19, CDC guidelines will be followed regarding cleaning and disinfecting your building or facility if someone is sick;  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html>
- close off areas used by the person who is sick;
- open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area;
- wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible;
- clean and disinfect all areas used by the person who is sick, such as offices, bathrooms, common areas, shared electronic equipment like tablets, touch screens, keyboards, remote controls, and copier machines;
- vacuum the space if needed. Use a vacuum equipped with a high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter, if available;
- consider temporarily turning off room fans and the central HVAC system that services the room or space, so that particles that escape from vacuuming will not circulate throughout the facility; and
- workers without close contact with the person who is sick can return to work immediately after disinfection.

### **Return to School after Illness**

The Schodack Central School District has established protocols and procedures, in consultation with the local health department(s), about the requirements for determining when individuals, particularly students, who screened positive for COVID-19 symptoms can return to the in-person learning environment at school. This protocol includes:

- documentation from a health care provider following evaluation;
- negative COVID-19 diagnostic test result; and
- symptom resolution, or if COVID-19 positive, release from isolation.

The district will refer to DOH's ["Interim Guidance for Public and Private Employees Returning to Work Following COVID-19 Infection or Exposure"](#) regarding protocols and policies for faculty and staff seeking to return to work after a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19 or after the faculty or staff member had close or proximate contact with a person with COVID-19.