

Sauquoit Valley COVID Testing Plan

The health and safety of our staff and students is paramount in the reopening of our schools during the COVID-19 pandemic. The District has established protocols noted below to assess and address concerns related to persons experiencing signs and symptoms of COVID-19.

Daily Health Screening:

The District will conduct daily temperature checks for all students using school transportation prior to their entry onto the school bus. All students being transported to school by parents or alternative means will have their temperature checked prior to entering the building and reminded to properly wear their face mask prior to entering the building. Students will also be subject to a periodic screening questionnaire to ascertain if other COVID related symptoms arise. All faculty and staff will have temperature taken and must submit a daily screening questionnaire either on paper or electronically (possibly utilize an online application for this) prior to being allowed into our buildings and will also be reminded to put on a face mask prior to entering the building. The same goes for all visitors to our schools. [SVCSD Health Screening Questionnaire](#)

In the event that staff or students become ill:

- a. Staff or students who become ill will be referred to the school nurse to be assessed.
- b. The school nurse will make a determination for a course of action based on the assessment of the symptoms related to the illness.
- c. If the illness can be managed in-house, the nurse will provide the necessary intervention to treat the illness and return the staff or student back to their normal school day, with follow-up monitoring as needed.
- d. If the illness cannot be managed in-house, then the staff or student will be required to be sent home and seek follow-up medical attention as needed.
- e. If illness is not COVID related, then staff or students may return to normal school function pending symptoms of their illness have subsided (at least 24 hours) or are deemed under control.
- f. Should the illness be COVID related
 - Any staff or student who presents with COVID related symptoms (temperature or other signs of COVID) or a positive response to the questionnaire will be required to be sent to the building specific isolation room.

- The staff or students are to consult with their health care provider and take further direction from that provider and Department of Health when they become involved in the process.
- The District will notify the Department of Health of a potential COVID related illness and work in concert with DOH guidance to manage the communication of any potential exposure and the return to school protocol.
- The Department of Health will be notified and will work in concert with the health care provider regarding the need for testing and/or quarantine of the staff or student. In such instances, the school will communicate as needed to those potentially impacted by the presence of a suspected case, and will follow the lead of the Department of Health in managing such cases of COVID related illnesses. If a confirmed case of COVID has been identified in the District, all parents will receive communication of such. For privacy purposes, we will not be identifying those who may be positive.

In the event that a staff member or student needs to be tested for COVID-19, please contact any of the testing sites noted below. The District will not be providing testing on site. The following testing sites are available in Oneida County. These sites do not require a physician order for an exam. Urgent Care centers may conduct an exam prior to providing a test.

Griffiss International Airport Utica/Rome

[800 Ellsworth Road, Rome, NY 13441](#)

(888) 364-3065

APPOINTMENT IS REQUIRED. Individuals who would like to be tested must make an appointment by calling NYS COVID-19 Hotline 888-364-3065. NO WALK-INS allowed. All patients must remain in the vehicle.

Rite Aid on Commercial Drive (Federal Testing Site). Tests by appointment only with no charge. Testing will be done in a drive through manner for persons 18 years or older. Results provided in 2-7 days.

4854 Commercial Drive New Hartford, NY 13413

Local Phone: (315) 736-5232

Primary Urgent Care conducts rapid results testing. Anyone wanting rapid result testing for Covid 19 has to be 6 years of age or older.

PCR Testing is available for children under 6 years of age.

- Anyone wanting a test for return to **work, back to school, surgery, or travel** will have to get prior -authorization from the insurance company (showing their name, DOB in writing) sent to Primary Urgent Care prior to being swabbed. **Primary Urgent Care does not accept scripts as authorization.**

1904 Genesee Street Utica, NY 13501 (315) 804-6800

130 W Albany Street Herkimer, NY 13350 315) 634-6647

WellNow Urgent Care Centers: testing results in 3-5 days

Tests will be administered to those who display symptoms or have been exposed to COVID-19. Wait times are listed on the WellNow website at wellnow.com

[230 North Genesee Street, Utica, NY 13502](#)

[4754 Commercial Dr, New Hartford, NY 13413](#)

[103 W Dominick St, Rome, NY 13440](#)

St Elizabeth Medical Center

St. Luke's Campus (1656 Champlin Ave, Utica, NY)

- Must make appointment - call 315-624-6000
- Must meet criteria

