

## 7430 SCHOOL SAFETY (M)

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The Board of Education recognizes that it is required by law to take measures for the safety of pupils and district employees.

The Board shall provide, publish, and post rules for safety and the prevention of accidents; instruct pupils in safety and accident prevention; provide protective devices where they are required by law for the safety of pupils and employees; and provide suitable and safe equipment where such equipment is necessary for the conduct of the educational program and the operation of the schools.

The Superintendent shall prepare regulations governing school safety and the prevention of accidents and fire that include as a minimum the requirements of law and the applicable rules of various departments of state government. Such regulations shall provide procedures and precautions for the safety of pupils in school, employees in the performance of their duties, users of school vehicles, pupils in transit to and from school, injured pupils and employees, and visitors to the school. Safety regulations shall be promulgated to all school employees and shall be reviewed and evaluated annually. The Superintendent is directed to instruct teaching staff members in proper safety precautions.

### **Contact Tracing**

**Contact tracing is the process used to identify those who come into contact with people who have tested positive for many contagious diseases, including COVID-19. Contact tracing is used by health departments to prevent the spread of infectious disease. In general, contact tracing involves identifying people who have an infectious disease (cases) and their contacts (people who may have been exposed) and working with them to interrupt disease transmission. For COVID-19, this includes asking cases to isolate and contacts to quarantine at home voluntarily.**

**All procedures will adhere to applicable federal and state law and regulations regarding privacy and the confidentiality of records.**

**Contact tracing for COVID-19 typically involves:**

- A. Interviewing people with COVID-19 to identify everyone with whom they had close contact during the time they may have been infectious (CDC lists close contact as being within 6 feet for 10 minutes);**
- B. Notifying contacts of their potential exposure;**



- C. Referring contacts for testing;
- D. Monitoring contacts for signs and symptoms of COVID-19; and
- E. Connecting contacts with services they might need during the self-quarantine period.

To prevent the further spread of disease, COVID-19 contacts are encouraged to stay home and maintain social distance (at least 6 feet) from others until 14 days after their last exposure to a person with COVID-19. Contacts should monitor themselves by checking their temperature twice daily and watching for symptoms of COVID-19.

The school nurse shall consult with the local health department in the development, review and revision of the district contact tracing policy and procedures. The school nurse, building principal and their trained designees are the designated staff liaisons responsible for providing notifications and carrying out other components of the board's contact tracing policy.

The school nurse in consultation with the building principal shall establish measures for a system of open communication that allows staff, students, and families to self-report symptoms and/or suspected exposure.

A staff member shall immediately notify the principal and the school nurse when he/she observes symptoms consistent with COVID-19 or becomes aware that an individual who has spent time in a district facility tests positive for COVID-19. The school nurse shall immediately notify local health officials, staff, and families of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality when the COVID-19 test is positive.

When the individual exhibits symptoms, the school nurse will ensure that the student is taken to the designated isolation area. The nurse will examine the individual and may refer them for testing and treatment. A student exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 may be required to submit to a COVID-19 test. The school nurse shall require the certification of a physician that the student is contagion free before readmitting a student to school. The nurse shall report all students testing positive for COVID-19 to the health department. The health department shall conduct the contact tracing.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- A. A fever of 100° F or greater;
- B. Cough;
- C. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
- D. Chills;
- E. Repeated shaking with chills;



- F. Muscle pain;**
- G. Headache;**
- H. Sore throat;**
- I. New loss of taste or smell;**
- J. Fatigue;**
- K. Congestion or runny nose;**
- L. Nausea or vomiting;**
- M. Diarrhea**

**All school and district administrators, school safety specialists, counselors, and any other staff deemed appropriate by the school district, shall be provided information regarding the role of contact tracing in keeping school communities safe from the spread of contagious disease.**

**The school nurse or his/her designee shall make information available and/or conduct virtual information sessions to educate the broader school community on the importance of contact tracing.**

**N.J.S.A. 18A:6-2; 18A:40-12.1; 18A:40-12.2  
N.J.S.A. 40:67-16.7  
N.J.A.C. 6A:16-1.4; 6A:26-12.5**

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