



Kathleen R. DeCataldo, Esq.  
Assistant Commissioner  
Office of Student Support Services  
89 Washington Avenue, Room 318-M EB  
Phone: (518) 486-6090 Web: <http://www.p12.nysed.gov/sss/>

**Date:** January 18, 2022

**To:** BOCES District Superintendents  
Superintendents of Public and Nonpublic Schools  
Principals of Public Schools  
Charter School Leaders  
School Health Personnel

**From:** Kathleen R. DeCataldo

Assistant Commissioner, Office of Student Support Services

**Subject:** New York State Department of Health Updated Isolation & Quarantine Guidance Released January 14, 2022

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) on January 14 2022 released [Updated Isolation and Quarantine Guidance](#). This guidance clarified COVID-19 quarantine and isolation procedures and provided [Frequently Asked Questions for Schools](#) related to contact tracing. Schools are no longer required to contact trace when a student or staff member tests positive, has symptoms of, or is exposed to COVID-19.

In addition the [NYSDOH Contact Tracing Webpage](#) provides charts to assist in determining what action is necessary based on exposure to COVID-19: [People with Known Exposure to COVID-19 Who Do Not Have Symptoms, "Quarantine" and Isolation for the General Public](#). This webpage also includes a section related to Schools (K-12) and Quarantine, [Affirmation of Isolation](#) and [Affirmation of Quarantine](#) Forms, and a Frequently Asked Questions section.

Please contact the Office of Student Support Services if you have questions at [studentsupportservices@nysed.gov](mailto:studentsupportservices@nysed.gov) or at 518-486-6090.