

Owego Apalachin CSD - Contact Tracing

While you can find answers to these questions and more in great detail in the Owego Apalachin CSD Reopening Plan submitted to the state and available at [Owego Apalachin CSD Health, Safety, Transportation & Academics](#) Reopening Plan, below are summaries about remote learning, testing, and contact tracing.

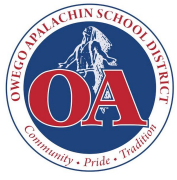
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The OACSD neither initiates nor oversees COVID-19 testing or contact tracing. The District will collaborate with the Tioga County Health Department regarding any confirmed cases of COVID-19. All contact tracing and notification of exposure will be provided by the Tioga County Health Department.

- A separate isolation room has been designated in each school building to use in the event that a student or staff member presents with COVID-19 symptoms.
- Areas where the person with a suspected/confirmed case of COVID-19 was located will be closed down to be ventilated for 24 hours, and then cleaned/disinfected prior to reopening.
- Students presenting symptoms will be escorted from the building by staff to the parent/guardian.
- The determination regarding which students or staff must be placed in isolation or mandatory quarantine will be made by the Tioga County Health Department.
- In the event that the Department of Health determines they need to do contact tracing, a Department of Health representative will reach out to the Superintendent for a list of close contacts of the affected individual.
- A close contact is defined as anyone who has been within 6 feet for 10 or more minutes. The District will cooperate fully with the Department of Health in support of contact tracing.

The district will utilize the Return to School Protocol in compliance with Tioga County Health Department and CDC guidance for return to school of students and staff following a positive screen for COVID-19 symptoms, illness, diagnosis of confirmed cases, and/or quarantine.

- If an individual tests negative, they may return to school.
- If an individual has a note from a medical provider clearing their return, they are allowed to return to school.



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Additional Resources:

- [Tioga County Health Department Return to School Guidance](#)
- [OACSD Full Reopening Updates](#)
- [OACSD FAQ Sheet for Reopening Schools](#)
- [Testing Sites for Tioga County Residents](#)