



# Department of Public Health

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## MONROE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

### Clarification to NYSDOH COVID Toolkit for PreK-12 Schools Part C/School Administrators and School Nurses

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*This communication is intended to serve as an informational tool only to support families, schools and health care providers during the reopening of local schools in accordance with New York State guidelines. Interested parties should review the New York State guidance closely and consult their own counsel for legal advice.*

#### **ADDENDUM TO SLIDES C-1 through C-4 – SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OR SCHOOL NURSE**

**If you are an ADMINISTRATOR OR SCHOOL NURSE in a Pre-K to Grade 12 school, refer to slides C-1, C-2 C-3 and C-4 of the NYS COVID-19 Toolkit**

Monroe County Department of Public Health has issued the following clarifications:

- Please note the top box on the right side of Slide C-1 asks the question: “Does the student or staff currently have (or has had in the last 10 days) one or more of these **new or worsening** symptoms?” The addition of “new or worsening” is a clarification from earlier NYSDOH guidance that prohibited any student or staff member with one or more of these symptoms from going to school, regardless of whether the symptom was common for that staff member (for example, nasal congestion during allergy season). If you are not certain whether the symptom the student or staff member is experiencing is new or worsening, treat it as a potential symptom of COVID-19.
- Symptomatic students and staff members **MUST** consult with a health care provider **AND** receive an alternate diagnosis **OR** negative test result within 48 hours of symptom onset. Students and staff members who do not meet these criteria will be placed in isolation as though they received a positive result. Please report these individuals to the MCDPH as follows:
  - Go to [www.MonroeCounty.gov/health-COVID-19](http://www.MonroeCounty.gov/health-COVID-19)
  - Click on “Reopening K-12 Schools in Monroe County”
  - Complete the “COVID-19 School Notification Form” and submit
  - MCDPH will provide further instruction
- If a student is experiencing fever and/or loss of taste and/or loss of smell, the individual’s immediate household members (including siblings) will be placed in mandatory quarantine by MCDPH.



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- If the student is NOT experiencing fever and/or loss of taste and/or loss of smell, the immediate household members will not automatically be placed in mandatory quarantine. Unless directed otherwise by MDDPH, siblings may continue to attend in-person learning.

