

Seaford UFSD Response to Coronavirus

Contact Tracing

(Last Updated August 20, 2020)

The Seaford UFSD has developed a relationship with the Nassau County Department of Health in response to communicable disease. That relationship has been further enhanced as we continue to respond to COVID-19. To help address requirements for COVID-19 Testing and Contact Tracing, the most recent supplemental guidance from the Department of Health can be found [HERE](#).

This is a living document that will be revised as needed to incorporate new information as provided through Federal, State and Local authorities.

1. COVID-19 Safety Coordinators

- District COVID-19 Safety Coordinator(s):
 - Mr. John Strifolino, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction, and Personnel
 - Ms. Rhonda Meserole, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations
 - Ms. Mary Catherine Culella-Sun, Director of Pupil Personnel Services
- School COVID-19 Safety Coordinators:
 - Seaford High School: Ms. Nicole Schnabel and Ms. Jennifer Bisulca, Assistant Principal
 - Seaford Middle School: Lisa Dunn, Assistant Principal
 - Seaford Harbor Elementary School: Caroline Schozer, Assistant Principal
 - Seaford Manor Elementary School: Mary-Ellen Kakalos, Assistant Principal
- COVID-19 Resource Personnel (health background recommended). This person will be the main contact upon the identification of positive cases and will be responsible for subsequent communication:
 - District Nurse Coordinator: Ms. Lorraine Burke

These individuals will be answering questions from students, faculty, staff, and parents or legal guardians of students regarding the district's Reopening Plan and its implementation. The COVID-19 Safety Coordinators will also work closely with the Nassau County Department of Health and, when necessary, other schools to monitor public health conditions and jointly develop monitoring strategies. These individuals will also be critical, along with our school nurses, district physicians, and COVID-19 resources personnel in assisting the Nassau County Department of Health with contact tracing efforts.

2. Training

The Nassau County Department of Health recommends that the COVID-19 Safety Coordinators and other school officials be trained in the basics of COVID-19 and contact tracing and suggests the course offered by Johns Hopkins University at: <https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing?edocomorp=covid-19-contact-tracing>. The Seaford UFSD has required that COVID-19 Safety Coordinators and COVID-19 Resource Personnel complete this program and recommend this training for other school officials.

3. Communication with Outside Agencies Regarding COVID-19

The Nassau County Department of Health has a designated phone number for all clinical questions from school nurses and school medical directors at 516-227-9496. This number is not to be used by the general public or concerned parents but is to be used when a specific case or scenario requires clinical consultation with the health department by the school nursing staff or district physician. Questions from superintendents

and administrators can be directed to 516-227-9408. General questions from the public will be referred to the New York State Coronavirus Hotline at 888-364-3065 or the Nassau County Department of Health COVID Hotline at 516-227-9570. Updates on Coronavirus in Nassau County can be received by texting COVID19NC to 888777 or by going to the Nassau County Website at <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov>.

4. Testing & Contact Tracing

The Nassau County Department of Health receives all confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Nassau County residents that are electronically transmitted from laboratories, by law. This does not include rapid tests (done at points of care such as Urgent Cares) for which reliability and validity of these tests are still ongoing and are not automatically reported to Nassau County Department of Health, at this time. Confirmed cases in faculty, staff and administrators that live outside of Nassau County will be investigated by the jurisdiction that they reside in. In these cases, close communication will need to occur between the health departments of other jurisdictions, Nassau County and the school districts. Once the health department conducts its investigation, the school nurse, COVID-19 Resource Personnel, or COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will be called and notified. Depending on the specifics of the case and potential exposures, additional close contacts will be elicited, and quarantine and/or notification may be determined. Very often, these determinations are made in partnership with the health department. It is recognized, that the District can always implement more restrictive protocols than the county health department recommendations.

5. How The New York State Contact Tracing Program Works (From NYS DOH)

If you test positive, a COVID Contact Tracer will connect you with the support and resources you may need through quarantine, such as help getting groceries or household supplies, child-care, medical care or supplies. The Tracer will work with you to identify and reach out via phone and text to anyone you've been in contact with while you were infectious to trace and contain the spread of the virus.

People who have come in close contact with someone who is positive are asked to stay home and limit their contact with others. By staying home during this time, IF you become sick yourself, you have not infected many others along the way. This is how we stop the spread!

Testing, medical and quarantine support for yourself and your loved ones will be arranged by the Department of Health. We will not release your name to anyone. Your information is strictly confidential and will be treated as a private medical record. This nation-leading program will place emphasis on areas with the highest rates of infection and on regions ready to open. The program will operate through the next flu season. It will be implemented in coordination with New Jersey and Connecticut.

Your caller ID will say **"NYS Contact Tracing" (518-387-9993)**.

Please answer the phone so we can keep NY moving forward and stop the spread of COVID-19.

Additional References

NYSDOH School Guidance [https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K%20to%20Grade%2012%20Schools%20MasterGuidance.pdf)

NYSED Guidance <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/reopening-schools/nys-p12-school-reopening-guidance.pdf?source=email>

Contact Tracing Training <https://www.coursera.org/learn/covid-19-contact-tracing?edocomorp=covid-19-contact-tracing>

Contact Tracing Resource <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/new-york-state-contact-tracing>