

ATTENDANCE COVID-19 PROTOCOLS & SUPPORTS

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Attendance

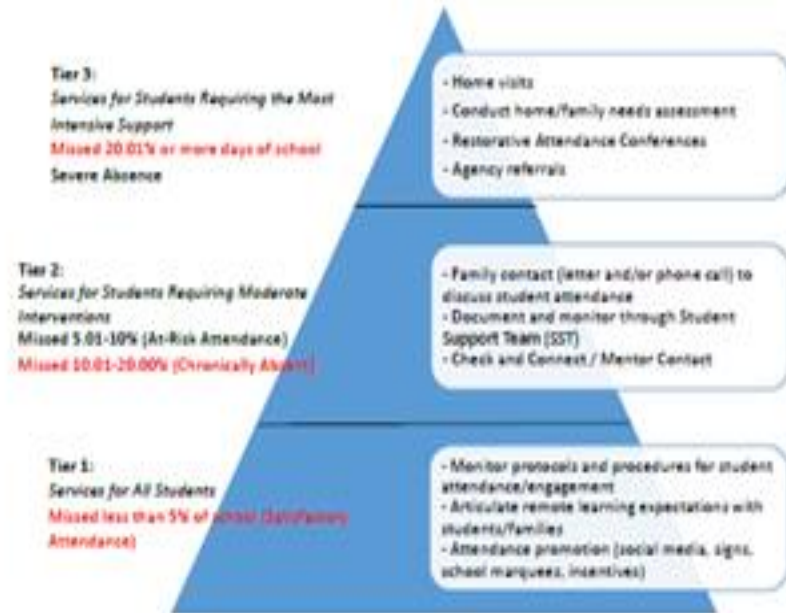
- Typically, students are either marked absent or present in homeroom.
- All students have a homeroom, which is their “official” attendance record.
- If a student comes to school late, their homeroom absence is changed to a tardy.

Attendance Categories

- **Satisfactory:** Absent less than 5% of the time
- **At Risk:** Absent 5%-10% of the time
- **Chronic:** Absent 10%-20% of the time
- **Severe:** Absent more than 20% of the time

Attendance Intervention

Multi-Tiered Systems of Attendance Supports

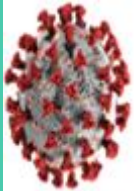


Classroom teachers are the first lines of communication. The classroom teachers, attendance teachers, administrators, SSTs, school counselors, Parent Liaisons (school level volunteers), and Parent Engagement Liaisons, who are trained and funded (when appropriate) will follow up with the student and parent of at-risk student(s). Identification of students with chronic attendance/engagement problems and maintaining contact to mitigate the loss of contact with families in crisis, families who have high rates of residential transiency or families who have a history of parent or guardian inconsistency. Non-engaged students will be closely monitored by the building level Student Support Services Team and/or designated Attendance Team. The clerk keeps a log of all requests for student records, completes the paperwork to withdraw students who are no longer attending a Buffalo Public School, and forwards it to the Office of Student Placement.

ERIE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (ECDOH)

UPDATE FOR

WEEK ENDING 10/16/21



NEW COVID-19 Cases: 1,818



HOSPITALIZATIONS: 229 as of 10/10/21

Deaths in the past 7 days: **2,062 (530 in Buffalo)**



COVID-19 VACCINATION STATUS:

Ages 12-19: **25.3%** (at least one dose)

Common COVID-19 Attendance Concerns

- What if my child has COVID, how will that impact learning ?
- What if my child is considered a CLOSE CONTACT, how will that impact learning?
- How will my child access instruction?
- Will my child's attendance record be negatively impacted?
- What if there is a language barrier?
- I don't believe it is safe to send my child to school.

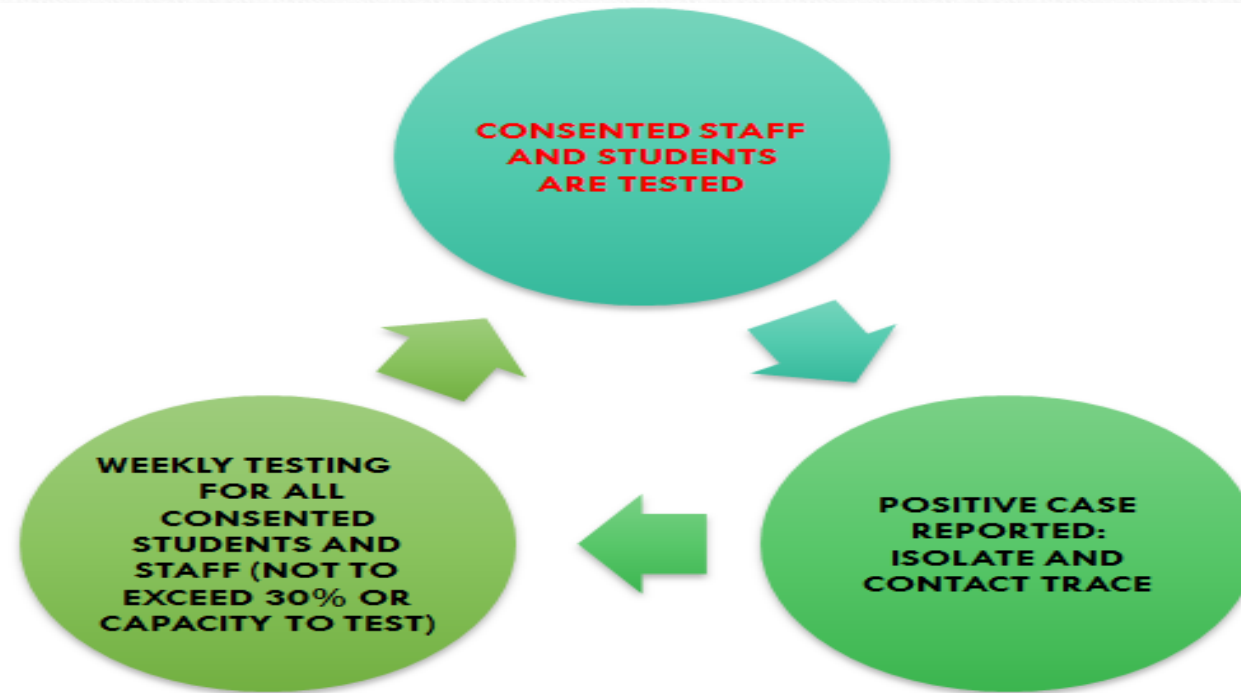
COVID-19 Attendance Supports

- Confirmed COVID positive cases, or those students required to quarantine are eligible to receive Concurrent Remote Instruction
- Attendance
 - No negative impact for the student
- Addressing Language Barriers
 - Talking Points

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

- DAILY TEMPERATURE AND HEALTH SCREENERS FOR ADULTS AND STUDENTS
- INDOOR MASK MANDATES
 - NO MASK EXEMPTIONS DURING RED ZONE
- OUTDOOR MASKS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, BUT NOT REQUIRED
- MASKS REQUIRED ON BUSES
 - STRONGLY RECOMMENDS DAILY SEATING AND ATTENDANCE CHARTS
- SEATING AND ATTENDANCE CHARTS IN CLASSROOMS
 - STRONGLY RECOMMENDS COHORTING TO MINIMIZE SPREAD OF COVID-19
- ISOLATION ROOM/QUARANTINE (WELL VENTILATED)
- CONTACT TRACING FOR POSITIVE COVID-19 CASES
- WEEKLY COVID-19 SCREENING TESTING FOR CONSENTED STUDENTS (K-12) AND STAFF

COVID-19 TESTING



Close Contacts

Adult Close Contact

- Individuals within 6 feet of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24- hour period, regardless if masks were worn.

Student Close Contact

- Students within 3 feet of a positive COVID-19 case for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period, regardless if masks were worn.

COVID-19 SYMPTOMS

(Not COVID Positive or Close Contact)

- **Stay Home**

- Individuals exhibiting symptoms must remain home from school for 10 days, but may return early with a negative PCR COVID-19 test or a note from a doctor.
- Rapid tests will not be accepted; PCR tests may take 2-3 days for result

- **Recommend COVID-19 Testing**

- COVID-19 testing locations: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you>

Positive COVID Test/Close Contact

- Contact the school and share the positive lab result. Documentation is required.
- Once the positive case is confirmed, the school identifies potential close contacts. Erie County Department of Health (ECDOH) must confirm close contacts.
- Confirmed positive cases and close contacts are to remain home for Isolation or Quarantine requirements. Students are eligible for Concurrent Remote Instruction (with their peers). Principal will notify teachers to give remote access to the students.

Quarantine Exclusion

NOT REQUIRED TO QUARANTINE:

- Fully vaccinated with NO SYMPTOMS, including those identified as a close contact.
- Previously diagnosed with laboratory confirmed COVID-19 case within the past 90 days and has had no symptoms since that time frame.

VACCINATION

- Anyone 12 and older can get vaccinated to help us stop the spread and keep students in school!
- Contact your doctor or Erie County Department of Health to find a vaccine site (www.erie.gov/vax or call 716-858-2929).

QUESTIONS

