

## **Astor Learning Center COVID-19 Testing Policy**

### **Suspect or Confirmed COVID Cases**

- **Immediate Response**- Parents, Students and Staff will be educated on Signs and Symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. Anyone experiencing signs or symptoms will be asked to remain home, self-quarantine and seek testing from their primary care physician (PCP), or from one of the testing sites.
  - Students presenting with symptoms of the illness must be sent to the health clinic. A school nurse is available to assess students as chronic conditions such as asthma and allergies or chronic gastrointestinal conditions may present the same symptoms as COVID-19. Proper PPE will be required anytime a nurse may be in contact with a potential COVID-19 patient.
  - Staff presenting with symptoms of the illness or reporting such will be asked to leave the premises and seek medical care from their PCP, one of local testing locations, or the agency's occupational health provider, Emergency One @
- **Isolation**-Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in a room designated in the health clinic with a supervising nurse utilizing appropriate PPE. If more than one student requires to be isolated due to suspected COVID-19, students will be separated by at least 6 feet apart, a disposable surgical mask will be provided if the student can physically tolerate and does not have difficulty breathing. A nurse will accompany the student outside to the parent/guardian and instruct them to follow up with PCP or local urgent care clinic. Parents/Guardians will also be informed of the Return to School after Illness protocol and any necessary precautions therein; Other considerations include:
  - Home quarantine, if indicated;
  - Closing off all areas used by the sick person and not using these areas until after cleaning and disinfection has occurred;
  - Opening outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area;
  - Waiting at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible;
  - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, and common areas;
  - Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected it can be reopened for use;
  - Individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.
- **Notification**- The Medical Director, COVID-19 safety officer as well as the NYS and local health departments will be notified immediately upon be informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test results by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff and visitors.