

Tracing and Tracking

Metrics

Niagara Charter School staff will monitor the warning signs that the level of COVID-19 transmission may be increasing in the school setting beyond an acceptable level, as defined by state and local health departments.

If/when COVID-19 cases are discovered at school, areas or classes where individuals were infected will be closed. More broadly, in measuring acceptable levels, the entire school may be closed if deemed necessary. The local health department will be consulted in school closures. Other modifications to operations prior to instituting school-wide closures may be chosen to help mitigate a rise in cases.

Notification

Niagara Charter School staff will notify the state and local health department immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff, and visitors.

Tracing Support

In the case of an individual testing positive, Niagara Charter School will support local health departments in tracing all contacts of the individual, in accordance with the protocols, training, and tools provided through the New York State Contact Tracing Program.

Confidentiality will be maintained as required by federal and state law and regulations. Niagara Charter School will cooperate with state and local health department contact tracing, isolation, and quarantine efforts, will assist public health departments in knowing who may have had contact at school with a confirmed case by:

- keeping accurate records of students and staff members;
- ensuring student schedules are up to date; and
- keeping a log of any visitors which includes date, time, and where in the school they visited

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/Contact-Tracing-Infographic-FINAL.pdf>