

To: Westchester County School Superintendents 

From: Dr. Sherlita Amler, M.D., M.S.  
Commissioner of Health

Re: School Isolation Guidance

Date: January 14, 2022

Question: Are schools required to do contact tracing?

[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/CT\\_FAQ%20for%20Schools\\_1.14.22.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/CT_FAQ%20for%20Schools_1.14.22.pdf)

Please see the link above to the NYSDOH FAQ dated 1/14/22 Question #1

School are not required to do contact tracing, but are required to have a system or a plan in place to identify affected students and notify parent/guardians of possible COVID exposures that have occurred in the school setting. Many schools have worked out a plan already over the last few years with their LHD and can continue to use the system they already have in place or develop a new plan that will allow for this notification to occur.