

The Children's Home of Kingston
Grove Street Academy

COVID-19 Testing Information

As per the New York State Department of Education's school reopening guidance, schools should not be making decisions regarding whether or not diagnostic or antibody testing for COVID-19 should be performed. Instead, this determination should be made by licensed healthcare providers or by the Department of Health.

Should a staff member or student present with known symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day, they will be removed from the general population of the school and placed in a secured isolation area designated for this purpose until they can either be picked up by a parent (in the case of a student) or leave (in the case of a staff member). They are to seek immediate care from a licensed healthcare provider. If it is determined that the symptoms are **not** COVID-19 related, the individual may return to the school with a note from the healthcare provider. If the symptoms **are** COVID-19 related, the individual must be tested and may not return to school until a negative test result is obtained. Anyone who is awaiting a test result is to self-quarantine.

If a positive test result is returned, the infected individual is to self-isolate for no less than 10 days as per CDC guidelines and must be symptom-free for at least 72 hours before being considered for return to school. This will be confirmed by the local health department of residency.

The parents/guardians of any students who test positive for COVID-19 are required to notify the school immediately. The school will then coordinate with the local health department for contact tracing efforts.

Students who are under mandatory quarantine will be provided with distance learning for the duration of their absence.