

# NYS Department of Health Updates

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) released new screening protocols yesterday for school districts. Before you fill out the Dobbs Ferry Schools' online health check in the morning, please review the updated list of symptoms below (changes in bold).

In addition, remember that you are filling out the COVID-19 Screening Attestation for your child. On the form, under the drop-down box "Role," make sure you select parent/guardian. Where it asks for first and last name, please put the student's name. This is extremely important, as it enables us to keep accurate attendance records and also track potential COVID-19 exposure.

1. Do you/your child currently have, or have had in the last **10 days**, one or more of these new or worsening symptoms?
  - A **temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)**
  - Feel feverish or have chills
  - Cough
  - Loss of taste or smell
  - Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
  - Sore throat
  - Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
  - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
  - Muscle pain or body aches
  - Headaches
  - Nasal congestion/runny nose
2. **In the past 10 days**, have you/your child tested positive for COVID-19 OR are you waiting for a COVID-19 test result?
3. Have **you/your child been designated a contact of a person who tested positive for COVID-19 by a local health department?**
4. In the last 14 days, have you/your child traveled internationally to a [CDC level 2 or 3 COVID-19 related travel health notice country](#) or traveled to a state or territory on the [NYS Travel Advisory List](#)?

We are relying on all parents to fill out the pre-screener health form. Failure to do this results in a significant amount of work for our staff to follow up at a time when we are trying to get students safely into our buildings. It can also result in your child missing valuable class time if we are unable to reach you right away. The safety of our staff, students, families, visitors, and community members continues to be our top priority.

These simple steps--filling out the health form accurately in advance, wearing face masks, and maintaining social distancing-- will go a long way to ensuring we remain COVID-free.

We appreciate your diligence in helping us keep the Dobbs Ferry Schools open.

Sincerely,

*Lisa Brady*, Ed.D.  
Superintendent