



Supplemental Guidance

to the

Reopening Plan for St. Mary's School for the Deaf

2020-2021 School Year

Testing

August 13, 2020

SMSD Testing Supplement

NYSED's Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing: The Spirit of New York's Schools Reopening Guidance states that:

It is strongly recommended that schools comply with CDC guidance and not conduct COVID-19 testing or require testing or antibody testing of students or staff members. The decision of whether a test needs to be conducted should be determined by a healthcare provider or the local department of health.

In accordance with the above guidance, SMSD will not be conducting any COVID-19 test.

As set forth in Section 4.b of the Reopening Plan, all students and staff that are dismissed for COVID-19 related reasons will be instructed to contact their health care provider and/or local health department for further guidance.

- For students, this direction will be given by the school nurse, if that is who is dismissing the student. If the school nurse is unavailable, this instruction will be given by the member of the school administration dismissing the student.
- Staff who are dismissed will be instructed by Human Resources to contact their health care provider and/or local health department for further guidance.

Health Department Contact Information

New York State Department of Health	COVID-19 Hotline: 1-888-364-3065
Erie County Department of Health	716-858-2929 <i>(for testing dates, locations, times and to schedule an appointment.)</i>
Chautauqua County Department of Health	Public Health COVID-19 Hotline: 866-604-6789
Cattaraugus County Department of Health	716-373-8050
Niagara County Department of Health	716-439-7430