



COVID-19 TESTING

The decision of whether a test needs to be conducted should be determined by a health care provider or the local department of health.

Employees or students who are suspected of having COVID-19 will be referred to their health care provider for assessment. Employees and students who are symptomatic or who have been exposed should be tested by the facility recommended by their healthcare provider.

For an updated list of testing sites, individuals should go to the following website: www.saratogacountyny.gov/departments/publichealth/covid19/.

Any positive COVID-19 diagnosis will be reported by the testing facility to the local health department for tracking through established contact tracing protocols. Newmeadow will collaborate with local health officials regarding the need for closure of classrooms or the entire school. We will also continue to follow the Department of Health and CDC guidance closely. Newmeadow will follow the recommendations from the local Health Department for guidelines on the quarantining of employees and/or students. Families will be communicated with regarding the situation while maintaining confidentiality as required by federal and state laws.

After a positive COVID-19 result, the following will be required before returning to work or school:

- Documentation from a health care provider indicating the individual is cleared to return to work/school; OR
- A copy of the “Release Letter” or some form of documentation from the Department of Health if the person was ordered to quarantine; AND
- Staff must consult with the Human Resources Department and provide documentation to return to work;
- Families of students must consult with the School Nurse and provide documentation to return to school.