

Safety Protocols

Our top priorities are the health, safety, wellbeing, and education of all our students. While we must follow the requirements of health and education agencies, we also have our own protocols we have instituted in order to guard the health and safety of our students and staff.

Monitor your child's health

On the days students attend school, parents/guardians are required to check the student's temperature and monitor for symptoms of COVID-19. Please be mindful of your child's overall health when screening your child in the morning. If your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher and/or exhibits other symptoms (including but not limited to cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle aches, loss of taste/smell, etc.), please keep your child home. If our screening determines your child has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher and/or symptoms of COVID-19, you will be notified and required to immediately pick up your child.

Please remember to complete the Stay Well survey using the link sent to you each morning on the days your child attends school. The Stay Well survey links are sent to both parents/guardians as listed in our database. If you are not getting these emails or you have questions, please contact your child's school.

Masks

All staff and students are required to wear masks while in school, on the playground, and on buses. Students will be allowed mask breaks when eating and when at least six feet of social distancing is consistently maintained. It is very important that masks are worn correctly; this means covering the nose and below the chin. [Click here for the district mask procedure.](#)

Hand Washing

One of the most effective ways to stop the spread of viruses is washing hands properly and often. Click here for a video on [How to Wash Your Hands.](#)

Returning to school in COVID-19 health-related situations

Please note: This information has been updated using newly-released guidance from the New York State Health Department.

Please also note: The district must follow requirements of the New York State Health Department, the Chemung County Health Department, and the New York State Education Department in regard to safety protocols. The district also has its own additional safety protocols to guard the health and safety of students and staff.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19, here are the requirements to return to school:

1. Release from quarantine by the Health Department:
 - If symptomatic, the student must complete at least ten days of isolation from the onset of symptoms
 - If asymptomatic (no symptoms), the student must complete ten days of quarantine after the positive test

If a student has symptoms of COVID 19, one of the following is required to return to school:

A

1. COVID-19 diagnostic test with negative result,
and
2. Improvement of symptoms with child being fever-free without medication for at least 24 hours

OR

B

1. Alternate diagnosis from the child's health care provider

OR

C

1. At least ten days have passed since the date of first symptoms,
and
2. Improvement of symptoms,
and
3. The child is fever-free without medication for at least 72 hours

If a student is in direct contact with a person who tests positive for COVID-19, the following are required to return to school:

1. Release from quarantine by the Health Department (generally 10 days, but if the direct contact lives with the COVID-19 positive person then the quarantine period starts after the positive person is cleared by the Health Department.)

Testing locations

Below is a list of testing locations within Chemung County as listed with the NYS COVID-19 Resource Center:

Arnot Ogden Medical Center – Horseheads
Appointment and Physician order required
100 John Roemmelt Drive, Suite 301
Horseheads, NY 14845
(607) 737-4100

Elmira VA Clinic
Appointment and Physician order required
1316 College Avenue
Elmira, NY 14901
(607) 664-4640

Arnot Ogden Medical Center - Big Flats
Appointment and Physician order required
31 Arnot Road
Big Flats, NY 14845
(607) 795-5100

Wellnow Urgent Care - Big Flats
Walk-in
830 County Road 64
Big Flats, NY 14903
(607) 846-2030

Arnot Ogden Medical Center - Hospital and Drive-through
Appointment and Physician order required
600 Roe Avenue
Elmira, NY 14905
(800) 952-2662

Smith Allergy & Asthma Associates
Appointment required
2977 Westinghouse Road
Horseheads, NY 14845
(607) 684-6115

Visitors to Schools

Click this link for our [District Protocol on Visitors to Schools](#).

Questions? Contact your school office or email hcsdinfo@horseheadsdistrict.com.