

## **ANDRUS COVID-19 Testing Policy**

### **Suspect or Confirmed COVID Cases**

- *Immediate Response* - Students and staff will be educated on Signs and Symptoms of the virus. Those who present with symptoms of illness must be sent to the health office. A school nurse is available to assess individuals as chronic conditions such as asthma and allergies or chronic gastrointestinal conditions may present the same symptoms as COVID-19 but are neither contagious nor pose a public health threat. Proper PPE will be required anytime a nurse may be in contact with a potential COVID-19 patient
- *Isolation* - Students or staff suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian will be isolated in the Orchard School Cottage, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may also be in this isolation room and will be separated by at least 6 feet. Facemasks (e.g., cloth or surgical mask) will be provided to the student if the ill person can tolerate wearing it and does not have difficulty breathing, to prevent the possible transmission of the virus to others while waiting for transportation home. Students will be escorted from the isolation area to the parent/guardian. The parent or guardian will be instructed to call their health care provider, or to follow up with a local clinic or urgent care center. Parents will also be informed of our Return To School After Illness protocol and necessary precautions therein; Other considerations include:
  - Closing off areas used by a sick person and not using these areas until after cleaning and disinfection has occurred;
  - Opening outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area
  - Waiting at least 24 hours before cleaning and disinfection. If waiting 24 hours is not feasible, wait as long as possible;
  - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, lockers, and common areas.
  - Once the area has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected it can be reopened for use.
  - Individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 can return to the area and resume school activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection.
- *Notification* - the NYS and local health departments will be notified immediately upon being informed of any positive COVID-19 diagnostic test result by an individual in school facilities or on school grounds, including students, faculty, staff and visitors.

