

# Testing

## **COVID-19 Testing / Contact Tracing:**

According to NYSED guidance, '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 health care provider or the local health department'. In our rural area, we do not have a traditional hospital, only critical care access. The Crown Point Health Center is a resource for testing. We do not have other testing sites available on a regular basis. However, we will do testing and contact tracing in direct consultation with our local health department who has assured us that they have been doing these processes since March and are well versed to meet any needs we may have in this regard. Linda Beers, Essex County Department of Health Director has met with our school leaders to give us guidance and planning protocols. Essex County Department of Health will coordinate with our Medical Director from Hudson Headwaters Health Network to set up the provisions for testing referrals and contact tracing for Crown Point Central School.

## **Health & Safety:**

CPCS is committed to providing a safe and healthy learning environment for our staff and students. Our goal is to reduce the threat of illness or potential for illness surrounding COVID-19 in our school and community by upholding the protocols of this Reopening Plan. Only through a cooperative approach will this be able to happen.

All staff and students are responsible for upholding social distancing guidelines, wearing masks and other PPE when they cannot social distance, and have daily health checks including temperature scans. Staff and students will be trained and receive further refreshers outlined in the Reopening Plan.

It is our hope that parents and families will also work towards making our reopening successful by monitoring their child for COVID-19 symptoms and keep them home when ill and/or feverish.

A successful reopening of school will require continual collaboration between administrators, staff, and teachers and ongoing cooperation among students and parents as well. Everyone has a critical role to play. Getting through this pandemic will require a great deal of social trust.

We will consistently monitor this situation and communicate with all stakeholders if updates, changes and guidance are released or required. The Reopening Plan was developed using guidance from the CDC, NYSED and the Department of Health.

Crown Point Central School's Reopening Plan is to bring all K-12 students back to school on September 8th. We are making plans to do this with Health and Safety as our top priority. We are following all of the CDC, Department of Health and the NYS Education Guidelines for reopening. We are also making plans for remote learning should it be necessary. Per guidelines, masks are required for everyone when social distancing is not an option (buses, hallways, bathrooms, etc.) CPCS will allow students and staff to remove masks when they are able to social distance (eating, instructional time, outdoors, etc.)