



# **Solvay UFSD 2020-2021 School Operation**

## **Frequently Asked Questions from the Community**

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### **COVID RESPONSE**

*I heard that Governor Cuomo mandated that each school district in New York State report daily information related to COVID cases. Is this correct?*

Yes, each day the district has to log into a secure site and report information related to COVID-19 items. The goal of this [COVID-19 Report Card](#) is transparency and communication to the community with regards to COVID-19 related statistics in each district. The report card includes information related to district students and staff.

*Where do I find Solvay's daily report card?*

This report card for all school districts is [publicly available on the web](#) and includes a search function to facilitate finding specific information at the district or building level.

*I see a positive case noted on the report card from yesterday, does this mean my child had an exposure if he/she was in school yesterday?*

No, a positive case reported on the report card does *not* mean there was a COVID-19 exposure within the district. The district receives notification directly from the Onondaga County Health Department if a school-age child within the district boundaries tests positive. The district must report all positive cases regardless of the student being present in any of our buildings. For example, if a student is already on full remote learning but tests positive, the district would have to report the case on the day the district was notified even though the student has not been in any of the district's schools. Additionally, the reported date of a case is based on the day the district was notified and is not related to the day in which the student may or may not have been in school.



***What does the district do when it receives the notification of a positive case?***

The Onondaga County Health Department notifies the district directly of any positive cases for school-aged children that reside within the district boundaries. The district works closely with the County Health Department to support contact tracing. The County Health Department is responsible for all contact tracing and identification of potential exposures for all positive COVID-19 cases. Collectively, the County Health Department and district will determine the appropriate response for each case.

***I see that the district has already reported a case on the COVID-19 report card, but I haven't received a notification of exposure from the district or County should I have?***

A COVID-19 case reported on the report card **does not** mean there was an exposure within the district. While the district has reported cases on the report card, students for whom these results correlate were not in any school building during the time the County Health Department determined the student was capable of spreading COVID-19.

***What will the district do if there is an exposure at a school?***

The district will cooperate completely and swiftly with the County Health Department to support their contact tracing and determination of potential exposure in the district. If an in-district exposure does occur, the community will be informed in a timely manner through ParentSquare, our district website, and social media platforms. The district is committed to the health and safety of our community and will handle all COVID-19 cases with an abundance of caution.

***Why can't I know more about the cases that are being reported on the COVID-19 report card?***

The County Health Department and the district must maintain confidentiality so there are limits to the level of detail that may be publicly shared.

***What do I do if I get a call from the County Health Department?***

If you get a call from the County Health Department, it is best to respond to them quickly and with as much detail as possible. If there is a case that requires a district response, the more information and the quicker the County Health Department receives this the better able we will be to collectively respond appropriately to decrease the potential exposure risks.



***Are a lot of kids coming to school sick?***

No. The Solvay community has been incredible, acting cautiously, keeping students home if they or anyone in their household have any symptoms. The district is confident that the community will continue to handle this situation responsibly offering the utmost amount of precaution and care for the community as a whole.

***Who do I call if I am not sure I should send my student to school or not because of potential symptoms?***

Please consult with your primary care physician and call the school nurse to notify the district of the situation.