2 – Monitoring Health Conditions (updated 9/7/21)

In order to keep our students and staff safe and healthy and maintain full-time, in-person learning, Town of Webb UFSD will be proactive regarding students and staff who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.

Students and staff should stay home if they are showing signs and symptoms of COVID-19. Parents should screen their children for COVID-19 symptoms before sending them to school each day. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches

- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

The CDC maintains an updated list of COVID-19 symptoms here: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html

Students, teachers, and staff who exhibit new or worsening COVID-19 symptoms will be sent home and connot return until:
- They receive a negative COVID test,
- Remain home for ten (10) days

Students, teachers, and staff who have COVID-19 symptoms that are improving and are fever free for at least 48 hours (without using fever reducing medicine) may return with a negative COVID-19 test result or a note from a healthcare provider stating that they tested negative for COVID-19.

Students, teachers, and staff can return without a negative COVID-19 test if:
- They provide a note from a licensed medical professional stating that the symptoms are because of a pre-existing condition, like migraines, allergies, etc., and the symptoms aren't getting worse, or
- They provide a specific alternative diagnosis (strep-throat, influenza, etc.) from a licensed medical professional.

Testing Protocol & Responsibility
Any member of the school community who is experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, is a direct contact of a person identified as having COVID-19 or has been otherwise exposed to COVID-19 should immediately seek diagnostic testing. Town of Webb UFSD will make sure families without regular access to healthcare know where in the community to find testing if needed. Regional testing sites may be found through the NYSDOH's website: https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you

Based on changing conditions of the COVID-19 Pandemic, TOWUFSD may implement additional testing and screening procedures based on new guidance.

Town of Webb UFSD operates as an approved site under Herkimer-Fulton-Hamilton-Otsego BOCES' Limited-Service Laboratory License, and may offer diagnostic testing on an as needed basis, free of charge.

According to a New York State Department of Health determination, Town of Webb UFSD will conduct weekly screening testing of it staff (teachers, substitutes, student teachers, administrators, support staff, bus drivers, and paraprofessionals). Staff who are fully vaccinated (14 days post final vaccination injections) may opt out of testing.