West Hartford Non-Public Schools  
Co-Vid 19 Health Services Guidelines

The West Hartford Non-Public Schools Health Program will follow the CDC and the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health for the most recent guidelines for the Co-Vid 19. The following is a summary of how the school nurse will triage a student/staff member whom exhibit symptoms of Co-Vid 19. The individual nurse will use professional judgement that may deviate from the guidelines indicated.

1. **Nurse Visits** - To reduce the flow of students to the Health Office, the teacher will place a phone call to the nurse to identify that a student may need or desires nursing care. The nurse will speak to the student (if age appropriate) or the teacher to triage the student’s medical needs. If displaying no co-Vid symptoms or if determined that the student can proceed independently, they can proceed to the Health Office. If Co-Vid symptoms are present or need for immediate medical care, the nurse will don a face shield, surgical mask and gloves to attend to the student outside the classroom door. Attention will be made to provide confidentiality as much as possible.

2. **If a student is able to independently come to the Health Office** - The nurse will meet the student at the entrance of the Health Office to reassess the student prior to entry into the Health Office. Professional judgement will determine what measures of assessment may be required including vital signs.

3. **If a student/Staff member are exhibiting symptoms of Co-Vid 19** - The nurse will escort the individual to the isolation room for further assessment. If the individual is coughing, sneezing or vomiting, the nurse will don a gown and a N95 mask prior to entry into the isolation room. The nurse will utilize assessment findings and professional judgement to determine if the individual needs to leave the school for further evaluation.

4. **Isolation Room** - The designated room will provide isolation from other individuals until the parent/guardian arrives to remove child from school. A staff member whom is stable may drive themselves off the school premises. Individuals will be instructed to seek advice from their PCP.

5. **Illness determined NOT to be Co-Vid** – If an individual is cleared by their PCP to return to school or they have improved symptoms, the individual can return to school if symptoms have improved for 24 hours and at least the second day from onset/dismissal.

6. **Cleaning and disinfection of the Isolation Room** – This will be documented on the Cleaning and Disinfecting Log located on the outside
of the isolation room. Disinfection will need to be done daily and between individuals awaiting pickup.

7. **Notification of Potential Co-Vid Persons** - The school nurse will communicate with the school administrators or designee and the school nurse supervisor regarding any student/staff that have left the school building exhibiting Co-Vid symptoms.

8. **Co-Vid Testing, Isolation/Quarantine and Return to School** – All students and staff will adhere to the guidance from the CSDE Addendum 5 (August 6, 2020), the CDC and the LHD prior to the return to the school. Communication with the LHD will be done on individual basis and case by case as needed.

9. **Contact Tracing** - If a student or staff member reports a positive Co-Vid test to the school, the school nurse is to be notified as soon as possible. The school nurse will notify the Nursing Supervisor to initiate the communication with the Local Health Department to start the contract tracing procedure. The School Nurse will work to assist the Public Health Nurse with potential contacts the positive individual encountered in the school setting. No notification of infectious persons will be made to the school community to maintain confidentiality.

10. **School Absence Surveillance** – The school nurse will monitor daily attendance of students and staff for Co-Vid related illness and complete the daily Surveillance tracking sheet that will be submitted to the Nurse supervisor every Friday by noon (or the last day of the week). The Nurse Supervisor will complete a weekly summary of all schools and submit to the Local Health Director.

11. **Face Coverings** – All students and staff are required to have face coverings within the school building. Any waivers will require a medical authorization from a PCP and be subjected to further follow up by the Medical Director. Accommodations and adaptations will be made to address student/staff anxiety regarding the use of face coverings. Any student refusing to wear a mask and has a compromised health diagnosis may need to evaluate if on campus learning is their best option.