



Cattaraugus – Little Valley Plan for Monitoring and Tracking Health Conditions & Testing

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A continuum of mitigation efforts, including daily temperature checks, other screening measures and contact tracing, will be implemented by Cattaraugus-Little Valley CSD to help reduce the spread of the virus. Cattaraugus-Little Valley will work directly with the Department of Health from Cattaraugus County in the event that screening procedures detect infection of our staff, students, or visitors to any of our locations or programs. Cattaraugus-Little Valley will coordinate testing of individuals that display symptoms of, or have been exposed to, COVID-19 with the appropriate Cattaraugus County Department of Health, local hospital systems, and/or primary care physicians.

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<p style="text-align: center;">Olean General Hospital 515 Main Street Olean, NY 14760 716-373-2600 https://www.ogh.org/</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Access the New York State COVID-19 Test Site Finder https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/find-test-site-near-you?gclid=EAIaIqobChMI3q2Xv4CR6wIVg5-zCh0KIAckEAYASAAEgLcvPD_BwE</p>

Screening for Faculty and Staff

All faculty and staff will follow **Practices and Expectations for Daily Screenings for Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors.**

All staff will participate in daily self-monitoring checks for symptoms of COVID-19 by completing the digital sign-in and sign-out of work locations. Daily reminders to sign-in will be generated as employees log into the Cattaraugus – Little Valley network.

All staff are expected to take their temperature on a daily basis at home before reporting to work locations.

Thermometers will be available at all Cattaraugus – Little Valley work locations for those that are unable to do this at home.

All staff will be trained to know and recognize possible symptoms of COVID-19 and what to do when they believe someone (student or staff) is experiencing symptoms.

Screening for Students

All students will follow **Practices and Expectations for Daily Screenings for Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors**.

Students will be screened as they exit the school bus, as they are dropped off by parents or if they transport themselves in accordance with CDC guidelines to include having temperature taken and an assessment of COVID – 19 screening questions:

1. Have you experienced any COVID -19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
2. Have you had a positive COVID – 19 test in the past 14 days?
3. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?
4. Have you travelled to, and returned from, a state with significant community transmission of COVID -19, as defined by NYS DOH, in the past 14 days?
5. Temperature will be taken upon arrival to assess if temperature is over 100°F.

*If any person answers “yes” to any question, or if temperature is over 100°F, additional immediate screening will be required. The building principal or Superintendent will be notified if any student answers “yes” to any question or if their temperature reads over 100°F.

Screening for Visitors

All visitors will follow **Practices and Expectations for Daily Screenings for Faculty, Staff, Students, and Visitors**.

Access to Cattaraugus-Little Valley will be limited to only essential visitors. All visitors will participate in self-monitoring checks for symptoms of COVID-19 by completing the sign-in and sign-out screening forms located in each building. All visitors will be required to take their temperature before entering any building. Thermometers will be available at the entrances of each building for those that are unable to do this at home.

Testing Protocols

Faculty, staff, students, and visitors entering Cattaraugus-Little Valley buildings will be screened using common questions. *Every person* will attest to the following questions:

1. Have you experienced any COVID-19 symptoms in the past 14 days?
2. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test in the past 14 days?
3. Have you had close contact with a confirmed or suspected COVID-19 case in the past 14 days?
4. Have you travelled to and returned from a state with significant community transmission of COVID-19, as defined by NYS DOH, in the past 14 days?
5. Have you had your temperature taken today?
6. If you have taken your temperature today, was it over 100°F?

If any person answer “yes” to any question, 1 through 4, or “yes” to question 6, additional immediate screening is required. Immediate digital notification is sent to the building principal or Superintendent if any staff member answers “yes” to any question 1-4 or question 6, or “no” to question 5, for immediate follow-up with said staff member to see if additional screening by the school nurse (and School Medical Director) is required or if an entry error was made.

Cattaraugus-Little Valley will coordinate testing of individuals that display symptoms of, or have been exposed to, COVID-19 with the Cattaraugus County Department of Health.

If additional screening is required, the school nurse (and School Medical Director) may implement the Cattaraugus-Little Valley Plan for Containment, in coordination with the COVID-19 Safety Coordinator and county health officials.

Testing Responsibility

Per guidance from the State Education Department and the CDC (*Recovering, Rebuilding, and Renewing: The Spirit of New York’s Schools, p14*), Cattaraugus-Little Valley will not seek to test anyone for COVID-19 or require testing or antibody testing of students or staff members. The Safety Coordinator, Superintendent and/or building principals may make general recommendations to parents and staff members to seek medical advice from their primary care physician, community health experts, and/or our local hospital system.

The Cattaraugus-Little Valley Safety Coordinator, along with the Superintendent and/or building principals, receives electronic notification of digital screening results so that appropriate supervisors can be immediately contacted to determine if intervention is needed with any employee that fails screening procedures. Employees immediately receive on-screen instructions to contact their supervisor and, if possible, to NOT enter any school building.

Front desk secretaries will serve as frontline observers of screening of self-transporting students and visitors and will deny entry to any person that fails screening procedures or send the individual who fails the screening procedure to an isolation area for parent pick-up.

The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will be notified by the Superintendent, building principal, and/or front desk receptionist if any person fails screening procedures. The Safety Coordinator will work with the appropriate County Health Departments if COVID-19 is suspected. Those that fail screening procedures will not be allowed entry into the Cattaraugus-Little Valley buildings.

School Nurses in the elementary, middle school and high school will be key responders if any faculty, staff, students, or visitors are in need of medical care while in our facilities.

Early Warning Signs

The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator and School Nurses will regularly confer with Cattaraugus County Health Department for guidance on regional infection rates. Cattaraugus-Little Valley will follow all state guidance if the Western New York region's (Allegany, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, and Niagara Counties) 7-day infection average meets the state determined threshold of 9%.

The COVID-19 Safety Coordinator and School Nurses will monitor daily the 7-day average infection rate for Western New York and for Cattaraugus County at (<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-Map?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n>). Cattaraugus-Little Valley will follow guidance from our Cattaraugus County Health Department and New York State officials to determine if local practices, protocols, and procedures need to be adjusted based on local and regional infection rates.

Other internal early warning signs that will be closely monitored are faculty, staff, and student absences related to COVID-19, more local infection rate data, and other information from the Cattaraugus County Department of Health.

Cattaraugus – Little Valley CSD will collaborate with the local health department to determine the parameters, conditions or metrics (e.g., increased absenteeism or increased illness in school community) that will serve as early warning signs that positive COVID-19 cases may be increasing beyond an acceptable level.

Cattaraugus-Little Valley faculty and staff will be trained to instruct parents/guardians to observe signs of illness in their child that require staying home from school.