

DOE recently updated its Situation Room school quarantine and closure protocols; they are reflected in the InfoHub: [COVID-19 School Health Policy](#), and will go into effect Monday, April 12. See details below. These updates and the protocols were developed in close collaboration with the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DOHMH) and are based on the best research available about how to keep our schools and communities safe.

1. There is no change to classroom closures. If there is at least one confirmed positive case in a class, regardless of the source of infection, impacted students will quarantine for 10 calendar days and transition to remote learning during this time.
2. If there are 2 or more positive cases in different classrooms within a school over a 7-day period, in addition to closing the impacted classrooms, COVID-19 surveillance testing will double from 20% to 40% of students and staff in the school on the next regularly scheduled weekly random testing day.
 - a. As a reminder, testing only applies to students in grades 1 through 12.
3. If there are 4 or more confirmed cases in different classrooms within a school over a 7-day period that can be traced to a known exposure within the school, the entire school will close for 10 calendar days and transition to remote learning.
4. Additionally, schools will no longer close for 24 hours while investigations take place.

Be advised that staff who are vaccinated do not have to quarantine in the event a class or school closure takes place, and may continue to work in-person.

Situation Room procedures are being updated in response to this policy shift. Updated communications, including in translation, may take several days to become available.

For questions, submit a ticket at <https://charterschools.mojohelpdesk.com/>.

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