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Clarification to NYSDOH COVID Toolkit for PreK-12 Schools Part B/School Staff Members

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This communication is intended to serve as an informational tool only to support families, schools and health care providers during the reopening of local schools in accordance with New York State guidelines. Interested parties should review the New York State guidance closely and consult their own counsel for legal advice.

ADDENDUM TO SLIDES B-1 and B-2 – STAFF MEMBERS

If you are a STAFF MEMBER in a Pre-K to Grade 12 school, refer to slides B-1 and B-2 in the NYSDOH COVID-19 Toolkit.

Monroe County Department of Public Health has issued the following clarifications:

- Please note the top box on the right side of Slide B-1 asks the question: “Do you currently have (or have had in the last 10 days) one or more of these **new or worsening** symptoms?” The addition of “new or worsening” is a clarification from earlier NYSDOH guidance that prohibited any staff member with one or more of these symptoms from going to school, regardless of whether the symptom was common for that staff member (for example, nasal congestion during allergy season). If you are not certain whether the symptom you are experiencing is new or worsening, treat it as a potential symptom of COVID-19 and consult with your healthcare provider for a secondary screening.
- All staff members with COVID-19 symptoms **MUST** be evaluated by a health care provider (in-person or by video/phone) as part of the requirements for returning to school. If you do not have a health care provider, please contact the Monroe County Medical Society at (585) 473-7573 or mcms@mcms.org for a referral. You can also contact the Monroe County COVID-19 Hotline at (585)753-5555 or COVID19@monroecounty.gov. Evaluation at an Urgent Care center is also acceptable.
- If you are in isolation, you will need an official release from isolation before returning to school. This release will come from the Monroe County Department of Public Health or a school official designated by the MCDPH. MCDPH will inform you in advance so you know who will issue the release when the isolation period ends.