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Cayuga County COVID-19 Situational Update as of 4:15pm

The Cayuga County Health Department (CCHD) and Auburn Enlarged City School District (AECSD) received notification on September 15, 2020 of a positive COVID-19 test result for a staff member at Owasco Elementary School. As a result, the individual who tested positive has been placed in mandatory isolation by the CCHD. Due to the phased reopening in the district, the staff member has not had contact with students. The staff member was in attendance on September 10, 11, 14 and 15, 2020, at Owasco Elementary.

CCHD has initiated contact-tracing investigations to determine who this individual may have come into contact with. The school district is assisting the health department in the contact tracing process. Based on information gathered by the health department, it will be determined as to which individuals need to be placed in to mandatory quarantine and will contact those individuals directly.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include one or more of the following below:

- fever or chills
- scratchy or sore throat
- headache
- new loss of taste or smell
- muscle or body aches
- cough
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- nausea or vomiting
- diarrhea

As a reminder, if you are experiencing any of these symptoms, stay home from work or school and contact your healthcare provider.

In addition to staying home when ill, we are strongly encouraging the public to:

- practice safe social distancing by staying six feet apart from others both indoors and outdoors, wearing a face covering both indoors and outdoors when safe social distancing (six feet apart) cannot be maintained
- continue to wash hands often and thoroughly with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.
- clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

