

Miller Place UFSD Reopening Schools Plan

PHASE III: MODIFICATIONS TO SECONDARY PROGRAM (TBD)
 MODIFICATIONS TO ELEMENTARY PROGRAM (TBD)

SCHOOL CLOSURE COVID-19 INFORMATION AND
GOVERNOR CUOMO CLUSTER INITIATIVE

Phase III - Secondary Program

- Summary of considerations and implications discussed (refer to November 18, 2020)
 - Three factors to accept: Increased density, no social distancing, no mask breaks
 - Transportation
 - Cafeteria services
 - Classrooms, science labs, art rooms, music, PE
 - Building cleaning and sanitizing will need to be revised
 - Staff proximity to students greatly reduced

Phase III - Elementary Program

- Completed the training and implementation for:
 - Teacher in school and all students remote
- In the process of piloting remote, live streaming and virtual instruction:
 - Teacher remote and students are in school (substitute teacher in class)
 - Teacher remote, students in school and students are virtual (substitute teacher in class)
- Reviewing the possibility for:
 - Teacher in school, students in school, and students virtual

Board of Education Direction

- Continue to monitor the positive infection rate for Suffolk County
- Continue to monitor the positive infection rate for the Miller Place School District community
- Review guidance that is forthcoming from SED, DOH, CDC, medical community, legal advisors and others as deemed appropriate
- Continue the discussion at the January 27, 2021 meeting
 - Administrative request to move the January 27th meeting to January 13th
 - Allows time for additional planning should there be a change in instructional models

School Closure information

- November 10, 2020 Notification to School Superintendents from Suffolk County Executive Steven Bellone
 - Changes in contact tracing – shift to school district responsibility
 - Districts are responsible for all contact tracing, contact lists, and recommendations for student and staff quarantines
 - DOH will review and enter contacts into the system for review and monitoring

If you, your child, or a household member tests positive for COVID-19 during non-school days/hours, please notify us by calling the **Safe School hotline at (800) 418-6423, extension 359**. Utilizing this reporting system allows our administrative staff to gather information and data in real time. Information regarding how to text, or submit information electronically, can be viewed on the District website at <https://www.millerplace.k12.ny.us/domain/865>

Governor Cuomo Cluster Initiative and Mandated Testing

Governor Cuomo Initiative - divide clusters and the geographical areas around them into three categories with successively higher restrictions within each one depending on positive COVID-19 test results. Restrictions applied to help prevent further spread. Suffolk County is considered a Tier 1 county.

- Red Zone** The micro-cluster itself
4.0% for 7 out of 10 rolling days
- Orange Zone** Warning or buffer zone
3.0% for 7 out of 10 rolling days
- Yellow Zone** Precautionary or buffer zone
2.5% for 7 out of 10 rolling days

Governor Cuomo Cluster Initiative and Mandated Testing

Prepare for:

- ~~• A period of potential school closures with a plan for full remote learning for students grades K-12~~
- NYS - **Yellow Zone** COVID-19 testing of staff and students:
 - Addresses “hot spots” as they occur
 - Determined by a “complex algorithm” designed by Governor’s Office (combination of factors – infection rate, mitigating data, hospital capacity)
 - Prevents the growth of positive cases
 - Provides the school and medical community with valuable real time information
 - As of tonight:
 - Must test 20% bi-weekly to demonstrate the school infection rate is below the community yellow zone rate
 - Must begin testing within 3-4 days of the yellow zone announcement
 - Schools can stay open while testing is in process
 - Once accomplished there is no need for additional school-based testing unless you move into the orange or red zone

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

- Focus on Yellow Zone (not orange and red) and prepare for:
 - MPSD - Yellow Zone COVID-19 testing of staff and students:
 - Adapt our mental mindset
 - Proving our schools are safe to stay open – multiple effective safety measures in place
 - The community positive rate is not a reflection of our in-school positivity rate
 - Public health emergency
 - Only need to do this one time
 - This is very doable
 - Presuming we are testing individuals who are negative
 - Requirement to test 20% of staff and students
 - **Planning process**

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

- **Planning process:**
 - Step 1 - Identify Testing Coordinator and Support Team
 - Ron Petrie, Testing Coordinator
 - On-Site Support Team – school community effort:
 - Greeters and Temperature Control
 - Check-In
 - Patient Flow
 - Nurses
 - EMT Testers
 - Data Entry
 - Administrator
 - Custodial
 - Security

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

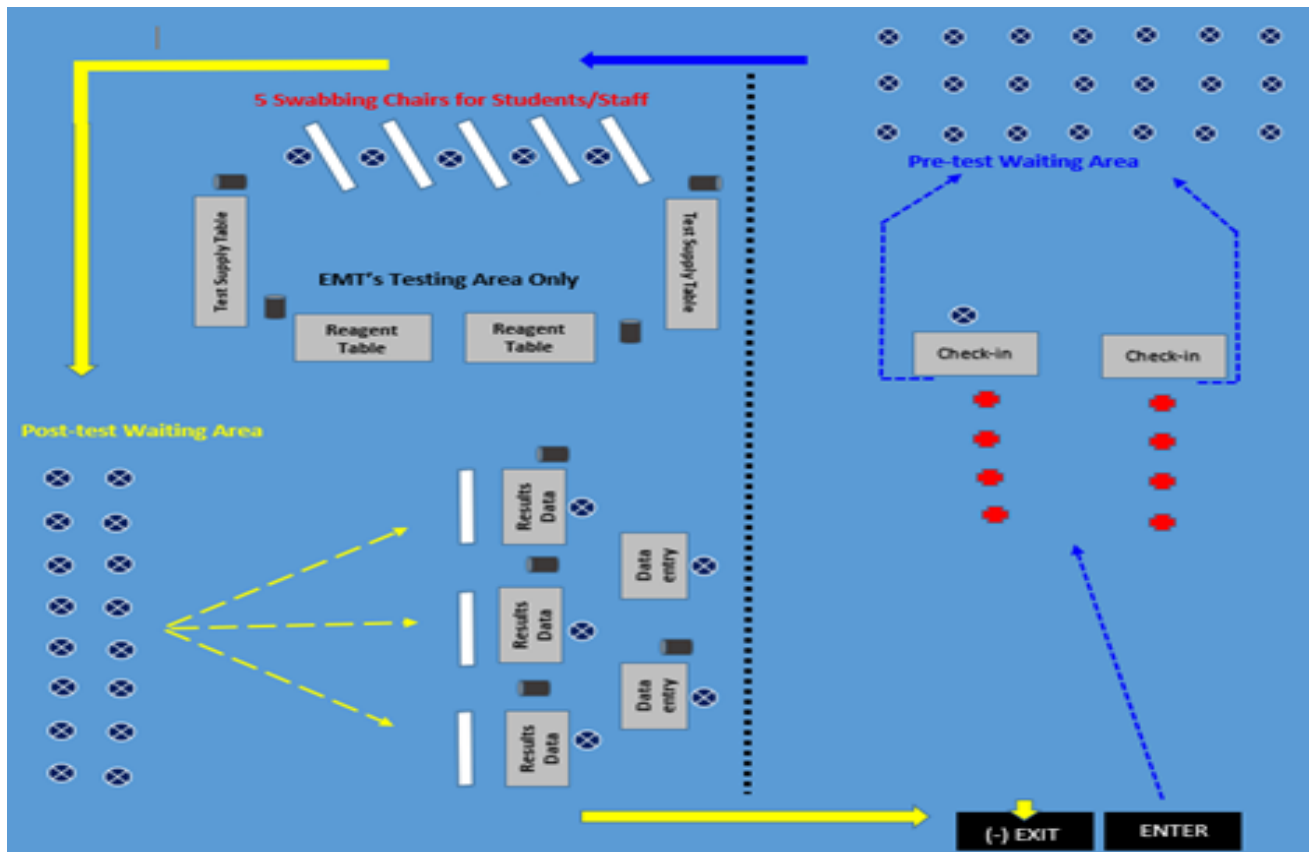
- **Planning process:**
 - Step 2 – Draft community introduction and explanation letter
 - Step 3 – Develop willingness to be tested form with method of collection of participants and establish data base (Family ID)
 - Step 4 - Develop parent consent form with the ability to have electronic signatures (Family ID)
 - Step 5 – Schedule nurses training and N95 mask fitting

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

- **Planning process:**
 - Step 6 – Consult with Port Jeff EMT for testing support services
 - Step 7 – Consult with SCDOH for testing support services and training
 - Step 8 – Complete 20% data calculations staff and students (~ 545)
 - Step 9 – Develop site plan with logistical needs

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

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Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

- **Planning process:**
 - Step 10 – Once finalized, update contact and tracing plan
 - Step 11 – Confirm process for acquiring BinaxNOW rapid tests from SCDOH (NYS provided)
 - Step 12 – Data entry training for NYS ECLRS database
 - Step 13 – Coordinate parent materials
 - Step 14 – Staff information meetings
 - Step 15 – Apply for limited medical lab license (future need)

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

Additional important information

- NYS zone determination is by the school zip code (we are all 11764)
- Announcement during Governor's press conference
- BinaxNOW is a "shallow nasal swab" (non-invasive – 5 circle movements in each nostril)
- Parents/Guardians **absolutely need** to give consent for student testing

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

Additional important information

- Conduct 40 tests in 1 hour; 200 tests in 5 hours; 480 tests in 12 hours
- Testing days, times and sites will be determined based on logistics at the time of yellow zone designation
 - Include after school/evening hours for parents/guardians to accompany elementary children to be tested – middle and high school to be determined
- Planning to conduct a public information meeting when notified of yellow zone status and beginning to implement our plan
- If testing is not completed, students learn remotely (from home) for the entire time community is designed as a yellow, orange or red zone

Yellow Zone Mandated Testing

- Next steps:
 - Continue planning
 - Wait – not if, it is when

Our schools are the center of our community

Children need to be in school – they are safe here – we need to stay open

We are an organization of systems and are problem solvers

We need to do this – We can do this

We need to pull together and get this done

Discussion:

- Board of Education Members

Public Input:

- Community Members