Testing and contract tracing are in our reopening plan under the Health and Safety section. Here are some of the basic components of how staff or students are tested and how contract tracing happens and how we support both of these important public health operations:

**Testing Protocol**

- If a student or staff member exhibits any symptoms they will be referred to their medical provider, the UVM Health Network - Champlain Valley Physicians Hospital and the Clinton County Health Department will be notified as well.
- The school nurse or local medical provider is responsible to refer individuals to the testing site.
- To return to school the individual will need a release by his/her medical provider or the Clinton County Health Department. Release must be in writing.

- If a person is not diagnosed by a healthcare provider (physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant) with COVID-19 they can return to school:
  - Once there is no fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines, and they have felt well for 24 hours;
  - If they have been diagnosed with another condition and a healthcare provider has issued a written note stating they are clear to return to school.

- If a person is diagnosed with COVID-19 by a healthcare provider based on a test or their symptoms or does not get a COVID-19 test but has had symptoms, they should not be at school and should stay at home until:
  - It has been at least ten (10) days since the individual first had symptoms;
  - It has been at least three (3) days since the individual has had a fever (without using fever reducing medicine); and
  - It has been at least three (3) days since the individual’s symptoms improved, including cough and shortness of breath.

**Contact Tracing Protocol**

- Each school will have a designated contact person/liaison with the Department of Health (DOH).
- The expectation is the infected individual will inform the DOH who he/she has been in close contact.
• Once a positive test has been confirmed, the individual will be in a 10-14 day period of isolation as determined by the medical community. The time can be increased if the individual continues to exhibit symptoms.
• The individual will obtain a release from isolation order which will need to be shared with BCSD which indicates they are no longer infectious.
• Individuals exposed to an infected individual, as determined by the Department of Health staff, should quarantine for 10-14 days from the last day of exposure as determined by DoH.
• The comprehensive plan established by the administrative team and safety committee to group/cohort or pods and track transitions of students should limit exposure to the entire school. These tracking steps include registering in writing which students are going to which bathrooms or nurses office, who enter and leaves each classroom, assigning students to enter through specific doors in each building, altering drop off and pick up procedures for buses and parent pickups. Additionally, students will have assigned seats on the bus and in the classroom, push in educators will be tracked as to the time, students educating and location of their services.