Surveillance Testing in Our Schools
What happens when an in-person student or staff member receives a positive antigen test at school?

1. **Student or staff member is selected for voluntary antigen testing at their school.**

2. **If the antigen test result is positive, the student goes home discretely.**

3. **If the result is “negative” (undetected), no follow-up PCR testing is needed. Families are notified of negative results by end of the day.**

4. **The principal reaches out to caregivers and informs the cohort of dismissal. Close contacts of the positive case (e.g., siblings) are sent home.**

5. **The individual whose antigen test was positive seeks follow-up PCR testing for confirmation.**

6. **If the PCR test result is positive, the cohort continues full distance learning.**

7. **If the result is “negative” (undetected), the cohort may immediately return for in-person/hybrid instruction.**

8. **School staff follow up with students and families regarding learning, meals, and materials (if necessary). The positive case is reported on the NYS COVID-19 School Report Card Dashboard.**

9. **In-person learning resumes once mandatory quarantine/isolation periods are over.**

For more information on COVID-19 testing and contact tracing, visit ithacacityschools.org/covid