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SCO Family of Service 853 Residential Schools Testing Protocols and Responsibility

Testing protocols:

- The process for the provision or referral of diagnostic testing for faculty and staff for COVID-19, is to notify SCO Family of Services Benefits/Human resources and follow SCO Family of Services guidance which are made available to all employees on the SCO Family of Services microsite. The nursing staff are responsible for assessing residential students in the residential setting prior to arrival at school while day students are assessed by their parent/legal guardians prior to being transported to school. Day students are reassessed and have their temperature taken once they arrive at school each day.
- Testing of symptomatic individuals, close contacts of suspected or confirmed individuals and individuals with recent international travel or travel within a state with widespread transmission of COVID-19 as designated through the New York State Travel Advisory, is done before allowing such individuals to enter school for in-person instruction. As per SCO Family of Services policy, staff must notify both immediate supervisor and Benefits department of any of the above circumstances BEFORE returning to work.

Testing Responsibility:

- SCO Family of Services is responsible for referring staff and students for further assessment and testing particularly in the event that large-scale testing at the school is needed. SCO Family of Services works in conjunction with New York State Department of Health and/or local hospital systems, for sourcing, and administering testing.
- School administration notify residential supervisors and nursing staff for residential students, parent/legal guardian of day students will be notified if testing is required/recommended.