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Governor Cuomo Announces School Reporting Requirements and Online Dashboard to Track COVID-19

DOH Sending Letter to School Districts Requiring Them to Report Number of Known Positive Cases on a Daily Basis Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8

New Publicly Available Dashboard Will Be Available <u>Here</u> Beginning Wednesday, Sept. 9

Governor Andrew M. Cuomo today announced that New York school districts will be required to provide the Department of Health with daily data on the number of people who have tested positive for COVID-19 in each school beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8. The information will be publicly available on a new online dashboard developed by DOH, which will be found here-beginning-wednesday-sept. 9. DOH Commissioner Dr. Howard Zucker today sent a letter to all school districts informing them of the reporting requirements and the new dashboard.

"Many of the school districts have testing protocols that will be in place as part of their plans, but as I've said from the beginning, those plans are only as good as their implementation," Governor Cuomo said. "Parents and teachers are understandably concerned about schools reopening. Dr. Zucker and the State Department of Health will set up a dashboard for teachers and parents, so they know exactly what's happening in their schools. I hope this will give teachers and parents some confidence that the plans are being

implemented and if there's a positive case, they will know and DOH will know and the locals can respond quickly."

School districts will be required to send their daily testing reports to the Department of Health. The districts must also provide a link to the daily dashboard on their website for other interested parties. That information will be updated daily.

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