

Ellicottville Central School

Pandemic - COVID-19

Closure Plans

September 1, 2020



This COVID-19 Closure Plan has been extracted from the Ellicottville Central School Re-Opening Plan – Fall 2020. This plan can be found at www.ellicottvillecentral.com .

Closure Triggers:

Closure of programming will be taken very seriously, considering multiple factors that include:

- presence of or potential presence of COVID-19 within the school;
- absentee rates of faculty, staff, and students;
- determinations made by the NYS Department of Health, State Education Department, Local departments of health, and ECS Administration.

All decisions for closure of any program will be made by the Ellicottville Central School Superintendent, in conjunction with local departments of health, and Ellicottville Central School Administrators.

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Considerations for single or multiple program closures are:

- levels of community spread using the COVID-19 Western New York 7-day infection average (<https://covid19tracker.health.ny.gov/views/NYS-COVID19-Tracker/NYSDOHCOVID-19Tracker-DailyTracker?%3Aembed=yes&%3Atoolbar=no&%3Atabs=n>);
- and levels of faculty, staff, and student absence due to COVID-19 infection or potential infection.

The Superintendent will use the **ECS Considerations for Closure** chart as a guide when considering closures. Any closures will be officially made by the Superintendent.

ECS Considerations for Closure				
This chart and criteria will be consulted as a guide for closure decisions and may not determine actual closures. Final decisions regarding any closures are to be determined by the Superintendent, in conjunction with county health officials and ECS Administrative Team. The Ellicottville Central School Plan for Remote Instruction will be implemented in the event of any closure.				
Level of Community Spread based upon Western New York 7-day infection average (Low-Medium-Substantial)	Criteria 1 0 students or staff members infected	Criteria 2 1 student or 1 staff member infected	Criteria 3 2-4 students or staff members infected	Criteria 4 5+ students or staff members infected
Low/No Spread - 5% or less (5 or less cases per 100,000)	Open	Consider Closure for up to 24 hours. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Consider Closure for up to 72 hours. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Consider Closure for up to 14 days. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)
Medium Spread 6%-8% (6-8 cases per 100,000)	Open	Consider Closure for up to 24 hours. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Consider Closure for up to 72 hours. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Consider Closure for up to 14 days. (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)
Substantial Spread - 9% or more (9 or more cases per 100,000)	Close (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Close (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Close (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)	Close (Consult with Cattaraugus County Health Officials)

Another consideration for program closures may include absentee rates of faculty, students, and staff. Ellicottville Central School will remain open only if absentee rates are at acceptable levels to operate our programs safely and according to DOH and SED regulations.

The major consideration for program closure is the suspected presence of the COVID-19 virus within our facilities or classes. In this case, the ECS COVID-19 Safety Coordinator will collaborate with ECS Administration, and county health officials to determine if a program location must close.

Ellicottville Central School will close if the Western New York 7-day infection rate average is greater than 9%. This determination will be made by state officials.

Closure Operational Activity Considerations:

Any changes to the operational activities of our facilities and programs, including, but not limited to, on site staffing, facility access, daily on-site activities, etc. will be determined by the COVID-19 Safety Coordinator, administration, the ECS Board of Education, and county health officials

In the event of any program closure, the *Ellicottville Central School Plan for Continuity of Instruction Including Remote Instruction* and elements of the *ECS COVID-19 Containment and Tracing Plan* will be immediately implemented.

Closure Communication:

Ellicottville Central School has well established methods of closure that will be implemented in the event it must close during the 2020-21 school year. Much like our closures for inclement weather and other emergencies, ECS will inform faculty, staff, students, and community via mass communication methods; television, radio, phone, text, etc. Closure communications will be coordinated by the Superintendent and Administration.

The **Ellicottville Central School Plan for Closure** will be posted on the District website.