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**The Department of Education (DOE) Regional Enrichment Center (REC) FAQ**

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**1. Who is able to enroll in the REC?**

Students of all abilities who are NYC residents can enroll in a REC.

**2. How would the DOE maintain the 6 feet distancing requirement?**

The Department of Education (DOE) is following state and federal guidelines by limiting classrooms and other spaces to a 9:1 ratio, meaning no more than **ten** in a room. The DOE is also providing social distancing protocols for staff to follow, giving guidance for how to adapt all activities for people to maintain distance six feet apart.

**3. Will children be tested for a fever when they enter the building?**

The Department of Education will be screening for symptoms for **everyone** entering the building, not just children. The Department of Education is finalizing those protocols, and will provide more information shortly. This FAQ will be updated when NYC Health and Hospitals receives that information.

**4. Would temporary workers be able to enroll their children?**

Yes. As long as their children reside in NYC, employees, affiliate staff, and contingency workers can enroll their children.

**5. My child is not a NYC resident. Can I still enroll my child for a REC?**

No. Children who do not reside in NYC cannot participate in the REC. NYC Health and Hospitals is negotiating other childcare services for employees who reside outside of the city.

**6. After the form is submitted, what should I expect in terms of confirmation of enrollment and information about next steps?** Employees should receive enrollment confirmation and information within 48 hours of submission. If you have issues or experience delays, please contact NYC Health and Hospitals' HR liaison, William Murray: [murrayw@nychhc.org](mailto:murrayw@nychhc.org)

**7. How will my child complete their remote learning assignments?**

Students are expected to bring a device (laptop, phone, tablet, etc.) with them to use for remote instruction.

During the academic blocks, REC staff will walk around the classroom and ensure that students are able to access their home schools' remote learning platforms and are engaging in activities assigned by their teachers. REC staff may consider grouping students so they can discuss and share their individual assignments or ask other students for support.

Since remote learning experiences are designed by home schools and individual teachers, students may be required to participate in live lessons at any point during the day. REC staff will be flexible in their supervision in order to accommodate students' remote learning needs.

For additional details on remote learning, staff can download this six (6) page pdf entitled "Guidance and Expectations for Remote Learning."

<https://infohub.nyced.org/docs/default-source/default-document-library/guidance-and-expectations-for-remote-learning-in-response-to-covid-19.pdf>

**8. My child was enrolled in a REC and now it is closing. What should I do?**

If your child's REC told you that it is closing, please contact William Murray ([murrayw@nychhc.org](mailto:murrayw@nychhc.org)), so that your child can receive a new placement from the DOE.