



REOPENING

Nassau County Schools



A SAFE AND HEALTHY RETURN TO TEACHING AND LEARNING

This information is being provided to assist parents/guardians in making the decision regarding whether to send their student(s) back to school on August 10, 2020. The district's plan is to open our schools and follow our traditional schedules. If conditions worsen and the spread increases, our plan will change.

A variety of safety measures will be implemented to decrease the chance of the Coronavirus being spread on our campuses. However, schools are inherently designed for social interaction, not social distancing. Schools bring people together, creating shared learning spaces, enabling teachers to connect with students in-person, empowering students to collaborate, and maximizing the value of a shared educational journey. This creates a considerable challenge, which will require us all (students, parents, educators, and other school district employees) to work together to keep each other safe and healthy.

COMING TO SCHOOL

- Prior to sending your child to a bus stop or school, the parent/guardian should conduct a temperature and symptoms screening.
- Each school is developing new procedures for pickup & drop off that limits the number of students gathering in one location.
- Students will wear masks on the bus. Students are encouraged to bring their own mask, but masks will be available if needed.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on all buses.
- Buses will be disinfected daily.

PUBLIC COMMON AREAS

- Hallway traffic will be one way, with arrows on the floor.
- Hand sanitizing dispensers will be available in hallways.
- Students are discouraged from gathering in common areas.
- The number of students in restrooms will be limited.
- Restrooms will be disinfected throughout the day and after each class change.

ARE MASKS REQUIRED?

- Unless state or local officials make masks mandatory, we will only require masks in certain locations. However, students are encouraged to wear masks.
- Students will wear masks on school buses.
- Middle and high school students will be required to wear masks during class changes and when social distancing is not possible.
- Students are encouraged to bring their own masks, but masks will be available if needed.

SCHOOL CLINICS

- Enhanced training will be provided to Clinic Staff.
- Clinic Staff must wear a mask, a face shield and gloves.
- Sanitizing stations will be set up outside the clinic.
- The area will be sanitized after each student visit.
- Plexiglass will be installed between cots.
- The waiting room will have space for social distancing.
- A room will be designated for students awaiting parent pickup due to COVID-19 symptoms & other reasons of concern.

MEDICALLY VULNERABLE

- All medically vulnerable students & those students who live with medically vulnerable family members should consult with their family doctor & develop a plan for their safe participation in schooling.
- For medically vulnerable students who come to school, school health staff will develop school health comprehensive care plans in consultation with the county health department. Our schools will consider accommodations for these students on a case-by-case basis.

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

- If you believe the established procedures are not appropriate for your child, contact your healthcare provider to discuss your child's health risks in school.
- After consulting with your healthcare provider for guidance, contact your school to arrange a meeting to address your child's specific needs utilizing our COVID-19 Impact Services & Supports Plan.
- This plan will outline extra precautions and/or exemptions necessary for your child's safe return to schooling.

THIS PLAN IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AS STATE, LOCAL, AND CDC GUIDELINES ARE UPDATED.



CAFETERIA EXPECTATIONS

- Every effort will be made to maximize the distance between students.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at the entryway.
- The menu will be simplified to serve wrapped food items.
- There will not be self-service bars or shared utensils for students.
- Floor decals will encourage social distancing.
- We will use pre-packaged cutlery & disposable trays.
- Food service workers will wear masks.



CLASSROOMS

- Six feet of distance between desks is not feasible for most classrooms. However, every effort will be made to space seating as much as possible.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in all classrooms.
- Classrooms will be sanitized and surfaces disinfected daily.
- Elementary cohorts of students will remain together throughout the day to reduce the number of student interactions. All efforts will be made to keep small groups consistent, to minimize the number of students that each student interacts with.
- Students will not be sharing classroom materials.

GROUP SPACES

- Masks will be required in the locker rooms while dressing out.
- Gym equipment will be disinfected after each use.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in the gym, locker rooms, and band rooms.
- Non-contact sports will be utilized in physical education classes.
- The band room will be arranged to maximize physical distancing.
- Protocols for disinfecting instruments will be implemented.
- In PreK-5, recess will be designed to minimize physical contact between students. Playground equipment will be sanitized throughout the day.

COVID RESPONSE

- If an individual is confirmed positive for COVID-19, they will not return to work or school until cleared by a physician with a doctor's note reflecting the day of return.
- If an individual is confirmed positive for COVID-19, the Health Department will be notified and contact tracing conducted.
- A Health Department letter will be sent home with all students having close contact with a confirmed case.
- In consultation with the Health Department, a decision will be made regarding which individuals should quarantine and for how many days.
- Students who test positive or who are sent home to quarantine due to exposure will be provided a device and a plan for distance learning.



EXTRACURRICULAR

- Athletes will be screened & their temperature checked before each practice/event.
- Locker rooms will be sanitized after each practice/event.
- Equipment will be sanitized after each practice/event.
- Many decisions concerning fall sports will depend on guidance from the state that has not yet been received.



OTHER PREPARATIONS

- The district has purchased large quantities of hand sanitizer, hand sanitizing dispensers, & stations for all schools.
- Foggers & sprayers for disinfecting classrooms, buses, and public spaces have been purchased and will be used by trained staff.
- Signage encouraging hand washing, using hand sanitizer, wearing masks, & social distancing will be prevalent.
- The district will continue to build up its supplies of PPE (personal protective equipment).
- Field trips will not be allowed until further notice.
- Information concerning open houses & meet-and-greets will be made later.