



## 2021-2022 ■ What You Need to Know

### Everyone In-Person In School Every Day

## Opening Schools September 2021



### A Quick Summary

As recommended by the CDC & [NYSED](#), the District will adhere to the following prevention strategies to the best of its ability:

- ✓ Promote vaccination and testing opportunities.
- ✓ Provide standard health/safety mitigation strategies: daily screening; cleaning and disinfecting; and reporting COVID-19 cases.

### Everyone - students, staff, outside service providers and visitors upon arrival:

- ✓ Wear a mask/face covering inside District schools and facilities and on District transportation
- ✓ Temperature check (No COVID-19 Attestation Questionnaire)
- ✓ Random COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Screening of students with parental consent

**Important:** Stay home when experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, see your medical health provider and get tested. Do not report to school. It is everyone's responsibility to protect each other – we are in this together!

### Instructional Day

- **All students and staff** in school for a full day of instruction, according to the District calendar and the school's daily schedule.
- **Remote instruction ONLY during a public health emergency** when a school or a full class is required to quarantine/isolate; details are being finalized.
- **No Hybrid instruction;** this is officially discontinued.
  - Families in need of homeschooling should contact the [District's Pupil Support Services](#) for information and review [NYSED regulations for home-instruction](#). -

### Teaching and Learning

- School activities, extra-curricular and athletics are scheduled to proceed in a typical fashion using health/safety mitigation protocols; unless directed by health officials to curtail activities due to rise in COVID-19 positive cases.
- Close contact sports, indoor sports and extracurricular activities, such as band, choir, theater, and school clubs that meet indoors may present a greater risk as outlined in the [NYSED Health and Safety Guidance for 2021-2022, August 2021](#). To mitigate exposure, students and staff will undergo regular COVID-19 Surveillance Testing Screening following [CDC Screening Testing recommendations](#).

### Health and Safety Protocols

- Consistent and correct mask/face covering usage
- Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Contact tracing
  - Fully vaccinated people who were in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 symptoms do not need to quarantine or be tested.
  - Rules for contact tracing, quarantine, and isolation will be followed as per CDC and [NYS Center for School Health guidance](#).
- ✓ Physical distancing, where possible, following the CDC's 3 feet recommendation.
  - Pursuant to the CDC's Order, physical distancing is not required on school buses.
  - School breakfast and lunch will be provided in cafeterias and other spaces in schools as needed.
- ✓ Cleaning and disinfecting schools and District facilities is according to CDC and NYSED guidelines.
- ✓ Proper ventilation and windows in all schools are restored as operationally designed and expanded maintenance is in place per NYSED guidelines. Staff is encouraged to open windows whenever possible, when it does not present a safety hazard.