




Re-Entry 2.0

Summary of Key Dates and Reopening Guidance

- March 13, 2020: All schools in the District were closed
 - September 2021: Franklin Square UFSD opened full-time for all students
 - **May 2021: Change in procedures for outdoor recess, physical education and Summer Recreation**
 - **July 2021: Summer Recreation Returns in-Person**
 - **August 2021: Governor announces a mask mandate that will be in effect from the Department of Health for the beginning of the 21/22 school year**
 - **August 27, 2021: DOH mandates masks in school buildings and on buses regardless of vaccination status**
- 

Guiding Principles for Planning


- 1 Safety and Well-Being of Students and Employees
- 2 Equity and Accessibility to Learning for All Students
- 3 Maintain High Quality Instruction

Masks

- The District and Re-Entry Committee will **not** be asking the Board to address the issue of masks since the **NYSDOH has put in place a mandate**. Should the NYSDOH provide an option to school districts, similar to what was done at the beginning of the summer, the committee and Board will make a determination at that time.
- There have been a number of questions regarding whether or not a mandate is a law. DOH is authorized by statute to issue regulations which than have the effect of law.
- Masks will **not** be required outdoors
- Masks will be required indoors and on school buses. No one will be allowed into the building or on a bus without a mask.
- Mask breaks will provided to allow students to remove their masks throughout the day, during snack and lunch, while singing or playing a wind instrument and all outdoor activities. Additional breaks will be provided as needed.
- Clear masks have been ordered for all teaching staff.

Re-Entry Task Force

Cleaning, Disinfecting, and Sanitization Protocols

- All interior spaces as well as buses and playgrounds will be treated with an EPA & FDA approved, non-toxic, water based, antimicrobial solution that is proven to be effective for 90 days.
 - Schools will also be thoroughly cleaned on a daily basis using electrostatic sprayers.
 - The District will utilize a cleaning/disinfecting solution daily from the list of EPA Approved Disinfectants Against COVID.
 - Frequently touched surfaces in common areas such as door handles, stairway railings, light switches, and soap dispensers will be cleaned and disinfected frequently at least daily or between uses.
 - The custodial staff will follow a written schedule throughout the day.
 - Outdoor areas will be routinely cleaned by our Custodial staff as prescribed in the Guidance Documents.
 - Students will sanitize before and after use of shared equipment.
 - Adequate ventilation plays an important part in mitigating virus risk. We have ensured that ventilation systems in the school buildings operate properly. Windows and doors will be kept open to increase the circulation of outdoor air as much as possible as long as this does not pose a health or safety concern to children.
 - The District has developed a written schedule to clean and/or replace all unit ventilator and air conditioner filters. Evidence of the cleaning/replacement will be documented and maintained by each building Head Custodian.
 - Drinking fountains will be cleaned and sanitized frequently.
- 

Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Staff, students and parents will receive health education training in hand and respiratory etiquette in order to maintain a safe school environment.
- The continued practice of proper and healthy hygiene practices will be reinforced throughout the year with the use of educational videos, appropriate signage around the school to instruct staff and students in correct hand and respiratory hygiene.
- We will ensure that adequate supplies are available to support healthy hygiene behaviors, such as soap, no-touch trash cans, and hand sanitizer with at least sixty percent alcohol.
- Signs will be displayed in highly visible common areas such as building entrances, cafeteria or other dining spaces, classrooms, administrative offices, restrooms, auditoriums, and custodial staff areas.
- Each classroom will have a sanitation station that includes hand sanitizer, a hand washing sink, soap, paper towels, gloves and additional disposable face masks.
- Throughout the day, teachers will build in frequent handwashing breaks in addition to washing hands before and after meal times. Hand sanitizers will also be placed in common areas.

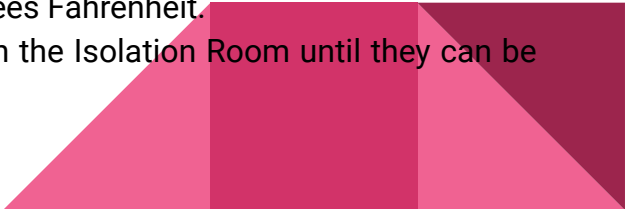


Social Distancing

- **To the greatest extent possible, students will remain three feet from each other. Adults will remain six feet apart from students and other adults.**
- **The committee has recommended that shields be removed from student desks.**
- **Student desks will be spaced so that students are at least three feet apart in classrooms and turned to face the same direction rather than each other when possible. Opportunities for group work and small group instruction will take place with social distancing to the greatest extent possible.**



Daily Health Checks/Screening

- Students and staff must have daily temperature checks.
 - Any student or staff member who does not complete the required daily acknowledgement will be required to have a temperature check at school.
 - Parents/Legal guardians of students will be required to complete a short questionnaire for their child at home to ensure the absence of symptoms.
 - Staff will be required to complete a short questionnaire to ensure the absence of symptoms.
 - Throughout the day, teachers and staff will check-in with students by asking how they feel and observing their overall wellness.
 - Any visitor that must enter the building will be subject to a temperature check and must fill out an online questionnaire.
 - The school administrators, nurses, and healthcare providers will relocate individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms to an isolation area and follow protocols to safely care for them.
 - No one can enter the building when their temperature is greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit.
 - Any student who has a fever greater than 100 degrees Fahrenheit must wait in the Isolation Room until they can be picked up by a parent/guardian.
- 

When a Student, Faculty, or Staff Member Develops COVID-19 Symptoms

- If a staff member or student displays COVID-19 symptoms, they will be immediately separated. The school administrators, nurses, and healthcare providers will relocate individuals who have COVID-19 symptoms to an isolation area and follow protocols to safely care for them.
- Any exposed areas will be closed off until after it has been cleaned and disinfected.



Exposed Individuals


- Individuals who came into contact with the person diagnosed with COVID-19 may be instructed by the District and/or Department of Health to stay home, self-monitor for symptoms, and follow appropriate procedures if they develop symptoms. They will receive clear and detailed guidelines indicating when they may return to school based on the latest guidelines from NYSDOH and/or NCDOH.



Contact Tracing/ Closure

- Contact tracing involves tracking all individuals who came into contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case so that isolation measures can be put in place and the spread of the virus is limited. The District will contact and work with the Nassau County Department of Health regarding contact tracing.
- The District will work directly with our local health department officials, nurses and District physician to carry out contact tracing and determine the conditions that warrant school closure based on public health guidelines and recommendations. We will monitor early warning signs of positive COVID-19 cases. If absentee rates or illness in the school community increase beyond normal, then the District will take the necessary precautions and measures to help mitigate rise in cases, including closing school buildings. Decisions will be made in consultation with our District physician and/or the local department of health.
- Should an entire class, school or the district need to move to virtual learning due to a closure related to COVID-19 exposure, virtual learning will begin the following morning. Schedules for virtual learning will be provided at the beginning of the year to ensure students and teachers are able to access their virtual classrooms in the event it becomes necessary. **We will try to minimize full class quarantines as much as possible.**

Returning to School after Illness/Testing

- For those individuals who screen positive for COVID-19 symptoms, the District has established policies and protocols with the district doctor, nurses and local health department about the requirements to determine when they are clear to return back to school. A student or staff member is allowed to return back to school after **receiving a COVID-19 test** and **providing documentation from a healthcare provider that shows the individual is negative for COVID-19**. Staff and families of sick students should remain home until they have met the criteria to discontinue home isolation. **Siblings will also be required to quarantine until the District receives negative rapid or PCR test results.**
 - If a student or staff member is diagnosed with COVID-19 symptoms by a healthcare provider based on a test or symptoms or if a student or staff member shows symptoms without receiving a test, they should self-isolate at home.
 - **Asymptomatic students or staff who receive a positive rapid test followed by a negative PCR will now be considered negative by the DOH.**
- 

Visitors

- Visitors, such as parents, classroom guest readers and speakers, and classroom volunteers must:
 - Request an appointment at least 48 hours in advance.
 - Agree to screenings and temperature checks.
 - Follow the health and safety protocols of the District during their visit.
 - Wear a mask before entering the school building.
- **Indoor permits will be approved for outside groups as long as the building is available. Outside groups must follow all NYSDOH and District protocols and guidelines.**




Transportation

- Masks are required on all school buses.
- Students or their parent/guardian will be required to show the bus driver their health screening results before boarding the bus.
- **When possible, siblings or children who live in the same household will be seated together.**
- Social distancing will not always be possible on school buses. All seats will be assigned when possible as it is very likely that quarantines will be required in the event of a positive case on a bus.
- On days with an outdoor temperature above 45 degrees Fahrenheit, all bus windows and the roof hatch will be opened an appropriate and safe amount during transportation runs to increase ventilation.
- We strongly encourage families to opt-out of transportation for the 21/22 school year. Should you choose to do this, we ask that you use the Decline Transportation form no later than September 3rd, which is available by going to <https://bit.ly/2YazX0X>.

School Lunch/Recess

- **The District will continue to provide a lunch program that complies with the Child Nutrition Program requirements. Lunch will be free for the 21/22 school year.**
- Students will eat in outdoor spaces as weather permits, when possible. Tents and picnic tables have been purchased and will be used on a rotational basis.
- Classrooms will continue to be used when this is not possible.
- Lunch times will be staggered for each grade level to reduce overcrowding in restrooms.
- **Students will maintain a distance of at least 3 feet apart while eating.**
- All buildings will be peanut and tree nut free. We ask that parents not send in any meals or snacks made with peanuts or tree nuts.
- A no-sharing food policy among students will be enforced to ensure the safety of children with food allergies.
- **When weather permits, students will be able to have recess outdoors.** Students **will** have the opportunity to interact with their peers from other classes, following all health and safety protocols, while outdoors.

In-Person

- Remote learning will **not** be offered this year.
 - Should an entire class, building or the District be quarantined, online instruction will be provided.
 - **Support teachers who were moved to classrooms to reduce class sizes will return to their original support areas.**
 - **Students will be able to go to special area classes as long as space allows.**
 - **Sixth graders will travel to their classes**
 - **Lockers and Cubbies will be used**
 - Students will be three feet apart when singing or playing a wind instrument.
 - Teachers will be able to take students outside when weather permits.
- 

Pre-K

- **Pre-K classes will return to five days per week**



Morning Care Program

- **Limited capacity**
- **Morning Care Director at each site**
- **Hours of Operation will be 7:30 AM to 8:45 AM**



ACE

- **Limited Capacity**
- **Each school will host the ACE program**
- **Hours of Operation will be 3 PM to 6 PM**

