



# OUTLINE OF COVID 19 HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

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## **Masks**

Masks will be required for all students and staff inside school buildings. Masks are recommended but not required when outside as well as during lunch. Mask breaks will be scheduled each hour or class period for approximately 5 minutes.

## **Physical Distancing**

Classrooms will be configured to allow for approximately 3 feet of space between students.

## **Cleaning & Sanitizing**

All classrooms will be thoroughly cleaned each day. High touch areas will be spray disinfected on a more frequent basis.

## **Ventilation**

Schools will follow all current ventilation protocols, including mechanical and natural ventilation where appropriate.

## **Daily Health Screening**

Students, teachers, staff, and visitors will have to complete a daily health screening questionnaire using the Frontline app.

## **Cafeteria Use**

Students will be spaced approximately 3 feet apart for meals in cafeterias. Buildings may need to utilize in-classroom lunch periods or overflow seating for students in order to accommodate physical distancing.

## **Cohorting**

Cohorting will be used in Elementary School classrooms. The Middle School and the High School will use typical period to period scheduling.

## **Personal Hygiene**

Students and staff will be encouraged to properly wash/sanitize their hands throughout the day. Hand sanitizer and wipes will be readily available for all students, staff and faculty.

## **Signage**

Prominent signage will be placed throughout District facilities reinforcing the main elements of safety protocols.

## **Contact Tracing**

Contact tracing protocols established by the Erie County Department of Health will be followed in all classrooms, lunchrooms, busses, etc. Students will be assigned seats to assist the Erie County Department of Health with contact tracing and quarantine decisions.

## **Quarantining**

Asynchronous learning activities will be provided to students placed under quarantine by the Erie County Department of Health.

## **COVID 19 Testing**

Voluntary proximal and screening testing with the Erie County Department of Health will be available. More details to follow in the coming weeks.

## **COVID 19 Vaccinations**

Vaccinations are recommended for all eligible individuals as a means of ensuring a safe return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and athletics.

## **Transportation**

The District will provide transportation to and from school. All students will be assigned seats and will need to wear masks.

## **Classroom Volunteers**

Due to spacing restrictions, parents/guardians will be unable to volunteer in classrooms at the start of the year. The topic will be revisited in early October.

## **Physical Education**

When possible, Physical Education classes will be held outside. Students will be masked when classes are conducted indoors, and locker rooms will be used for changing. Teachers will make specific efforts to establish mask breaks for students.

## **Music**

Elementary School students will be spaced 3 feet apart and required to wear masks when singing, and spaced 6 feet apart when playing a band instrument. Middle School and High School students will be spaced 6 feet apart for vocal and instrumental music lessons/classes, and they will be required to wear masks when they are not singing or playing.