



**Layered Mitigation Protocols: Fall 2021 (Revised 9/7/21) [NYSDOH Interim Guidance for P-12](#)**

|   | Low Community Transmission   | Moderate Community Transmission   | Substantial Community Transmission   | High Community Transmission  |
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| <b>Facemasks (indoors)</b><br><a href="#">Per NYSDOH Commissioner's Determination</a> | Required for all regardless of vaccination status by NYSDOH Mandate                            | Required for all regardless of vaccination status by NYSDOH Mandate   | Required for all regardless of vaccination status by NYSDOH Mandate  | Required for all regardless of vaccination status by NYSDOH Mandate  |
| <b>Social Distancing (indoors)</b>  | Not required   | 3' when practical   | 3' when practical  | 3' when practical  |
| <b>Transportation</b>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks required.</li> <li>Seating chart used.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks required.</li> <li>Seating chart used.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks required.</li> <li>Seating chart used.</li> <li>Parent transport encouraged to decrease density.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks required.</li> <li>Seating chart used.</li> <li>Parent transport encouraged to decrease density.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Outdoor activity (e.g. recess)</b>   | No Restrictions (masks optional)   | No Restrictions (masks optional)  | Masks recommended in concentrated groups   | Masks recommended in concentrated groups   |
| <b>Meal Times</b>   | No Restrictions  | Physical distancing maximized while eating.   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical distancing maximized</li> <li>Cohorting and seating charts required for contact tracing.</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical distancing maximized</li> <li>Cohorting and seating charts required for contact tracing.</li> </ul>      |
| <b>Performing Arts (e.g. singing, playing wind instrument)</b>                        | No Restrictions (masks optional)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical distancing maximized.</li> <li>Bell covers required for wind instruments.</li> <li>Masks</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical distancing maximized.</li> <li>Bell covers required for wind instruments.</li> <li>Masks</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Physical distancing maximized.</li> <li>Bell covers required for wind instruments.</li> <li>Masks</li> </ul>      |

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|                           |                                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• required for unvaccinated singers and actors.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• required for unvaccinated singers and actors.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• required for unvaccinated singers and actors.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Physical Education</b> | No Restrictions (masks optional)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for unvaccinated individuals during indoor activities.</li> <li>• Locker Room may be used.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for all.</li> <li>• Locker rooms closed.</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for all.</li> <li>• 3' distancing required for all.</li> <li>• Locker rooms closed</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Outdoor Athletics</b>  | No Restrictions (masks optional)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks recommended for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Screening testing for those who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks recommended for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Two spectators per athlete</li> <li>• Screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul>      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks recommended for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Two spectators per athlete</li> <li>• Screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul>      |
| <b>Indoor Athletics</b>   | No Restrictions (masks encouraged) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Screening testing for those who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul>    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Two spectators per athlete maximum</li> <li>• Screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks required for athletes and spectators</li> <li>• Two spectators per athlete maximum</li> <li>• Screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated up to 24 hours before the event.</li> <li>• 3' physical distancing and contact tracing sign-ins required for spectators.</li> </ul> |

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| <b>COVID-19 Surveillance</b><br><a href="#">Per NYSDOH Commissioner's Determination</a> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff and athletes through county pool testing.</li> <li>No school wide surveillance testing of students</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff and athletes through county pool testing.</li> <li>Surveillance testing through county pool testing (saliva swab test) with consent</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff and athletes through county pool testing.</li> <li>Surveillance testing through county pool testing (saliva swab test) with consent</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weekly testing of unvaccinated staff and athletes through county pool testing.</li> <li>Surveillance testing through county pool testing (saliva swab test) with consent</li> </ul> |
| <b>School Visitors</b>  | No Restrictions   | No Restrictions  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No unnecessary visitors</li> <li>Limited "outside group" use of school facilities.</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No unnecessary visitors</li> <li>Limited "outside group" use of school facilities.</li> </ul>   |
| <b>COVID-19 Vaccines</b>  | Encouraged  | Encouraged   | Encouraged   | Encouraged   |
| <b>Handwashing, Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette</b>                           | Encouraged  | Encouraged   | Encouraged   | Encouraged   |
| <b>Daily Attestations</b>   | No  | No   | No   | No   |
| <b>Staying Home When Sick (Staff and Students)</b>                                      | Yes   | Yes  | Yes  | Yes  |
| <b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>  | Daily Routine Cleaning  | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces   | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces   | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces   |
| <b>Ventilation and Air Quality</b>  | N/A   | Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)   | Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)   | Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)   |

**Remote Learning:** It is our expectation that all students who are medically able to do so will attend school in person for the 21-22 school year. DCS will not stream all classes as it did last year and remote instruction will only be an option for students with documented medical needs. These students will participate in a fully-remote, full year instructional program through the BOCES digital learning network. This model will provide instruction aligned to the New York State Learning Standards to students from multiple school districts and will be taught by New York State certified teachers with experience teaching in a remote environment. Parents interested in this option should submit medical documentation to the appropriate school office as soon as possible.

**1:1 Devices:** We will continue with the practice of assigning Chromebooks to each student so they are prepared if phasing in and out of remote learning becomes necessary. MiFi devices will also be available for those who need them to access the internet at home. Please email [Joe O'Neill](#), our Management Information Systems Director, if you need one of these devices. Distribution of devices will take place on the first day of school.

**Quarantining:** Should there be infections within the district, there may continue to be a need for contact tracing and quarantining, especially of unvaccinated individuals. Communication for these events will occur immediately to families of students impacted and to everyone in the school community as soon as practical. [See charts for quarantining information.](#)

**Illness:** While a daily attestation of wellness is no longer required this year, we ask that you continue to keep your children home if they are unwell and especially if they are exhibiting any [symptoms of COVID-19](#). Symptomatic students can end isolation and return to school with a negative test result and a resolution of the symptoms OR by meeting the following conditions:

- 10 days out from the start of the symptoms, AND
- Fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication, AND
- Resolution of symptoms

**Social Distancing:** The CDC and NYSDOH has recommended that districts continue to maintain three feet of physical distance while in classrooms and in hallways when practicable. This reduced distance will allow all students to be present everyday and will eliminate the need for “overflow” classrooms.

**Changing classes, using common space, and lockers:** Students in the Elementary School will again be using special area classrooms and the library. Students in the Jr/Sr High School will change classes and use the library normally as well. Lockers and classroom cubbies will also be used this year.

**Extracurricular activities:** We anticipate running our full complement of extracurricular activities and late buses this year.

**Transportation:** Masking will be required for all bus riders. While buses will utilize a seating chart for contact tracing purposes, physical distancing will not be required on transportation. Although we will be able to transport all students who need to ride buses, we encourage parents who are able to do so to transport their children to and from school to decrease density. [If you will be transporting your own child please complete this online form.](#)

Please watch our School Reopening & COVID-19 Updates & Resources webpage for more detailed information and important news at: <https://www.duanesburg.org/coronavirus-covid-19-updates/>