



2021-2022 COVID-19 GUIDELINES



New Hartford Central School District

	CDC	NYSDOH	NYSED	NHCSD
Vaccination & Testing	Encourage teachers, staff, and families, including extended family members that have frequent contact with students, to get vaccinated as soon as they can.	<p>All public school districts and non-public schools should support opportunities for students and staff to access COVID-19 vaccination clinics in collaboration with local health partners as needed.</p> <p>NYSDOH requires unvaccinated teachers and staff working in a P-12 school setting, as defined in the determination, to get tested once per week</p>	See the CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.	See the CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.



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Mask Wearing	<p>Indoor: Recommended that all students, teachers, staff, and visitors regardless of vaccination status wear masks.</p> <p>Outdoor: In general people do not need to wear a mask outside. The CDC recommends wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve close contact with others.</p>	<p>In accordance with the Commissioner's determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60, all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors must wear masks at all times indoors, regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Exceptions may be made for individuals with medical reasons or developmental disabilities that prevents them from wearing masks.</p>	<p>See CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.</p>	<p>See CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.</p>



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If You Are Experiencing Symptoms	Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care, regardless of vaccination status.	See CDC guidelines.	Education Law § 906, which provides that whenever a student in the public schools shows symptoms of any communicable or infectious disease reportable under the public health law that imposes a significant risk of infection of others in the school, he or she shall be excluded from the school and sent home immediately, in a safe and proper conveyance.	NHCSD will follow CDC guidelines and NYSED Law.



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Physical Distancing	CDC recommends that schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing to reduce transmission risk.	A distance of at least 3 feet is strongly recommended between all students. A distance of at least 6 feet is recommended between students, teachers, and staff.	See CDC and NYSDOH guidelines.	See CDC and NYSDOH guidelines.



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Extracurricular Activities	<p>Close contact sports and indoor sports are particularly risky. Similar risks might exist for other extracurricular activities, such as band, choir, theater, and school clubs that meet indoors.</p>	<p>To facilitate safe participation in sports, extracurricular activities, and other activities with elevated risk (such as activities that involve singing, shouting, band, and exercise that could lead to increased exhalation), schools should consider implementing and requiring screening testing for participants who are not fully vaccinated.</p>	<p>See CDC and NYSDOH Columns</p>	<p>At this point, the State of New York, New York State DOH, Oneida County DOH, and the New York State Public High School Athletic Association are allowing interscholastic athletics in the fall.</p> <p>New Hartford Central School District will consider CDC and NYSDOH guidelines to help schools implement programs safely.</p>



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Eating	Maximize physical distance as much as possible while eating.	See CDC Guidelines.	See CDC Guidelines.	NHCSD will maximize distancing as much as possible, but not less than six feet between students while they are eating indoors and using the cafeteria space.



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Physical Education and Recess	<p>Universal masking is recommended during indoor physical education or recess.</p> <p>In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors unless they are in a crowded area or during activities that involve sustained close contact with others.</p>	<p>The NYSDOH mask requirement, 10 NYCRR 2.60, applies to indoor settings, including physical education that takes place in a gymnasium or indoor recess (such as takes place during inclement weather).</p> <p>For indoor physical education activities in which masking is not possible (e.g., swimming), a minimum distance of 6 feet must be maintained.</p>	<p>See CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.</p>	<p>See CDC guidelines and NYSDOH requirements.</p>



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Monitoring Community Transmission	Schools should work with local public health officials, consistent with applicable laws and regulations, including those related to privacy, to determine prevention strategies needed in their area by monitoring levels of community transmission	See CDC guidelines.	See CDC guidelines.	Following the CDC guidelines, New Hartford CSD will work with the Oneida County DOH to determine the parameters, conditions, or metrics that will serve as early warning signs that positive COVID-19 cases may be increasing beyond an acceptable level.

References

CDC:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html#screening-testing>

NYS Department of Health:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/school-guidance.pdf>

NYS Education Department:

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/back-school/nysed-health-and-safety-guide-for-the-2021-2022-school-year.pdf>

New Hartford Central School District (NHCSD):

https://www.newhartfordschools.org/cms/lib/NY01913833/Centricity/Domain/25/NewHartford_ReOpeningPlan_Sept2021.pdf