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# 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

OPENING PROTOCOLS

# DRAFT TEMPLATE OF PROTOCOL REQUIREMENTS PER CDC/NYSED GUIDELINES

	<b>BLUE</b> (Low Transmission) Total Cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days= 0-9	<b>YELLOW</b> (Moderate Transmission) Total Cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days= 10-49	<b>ORANGE</b> (Substantial Transmission) Total Cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days= 50-99	<b>RED</b> (High Transmission) Total Cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days= Greater than 100
<b>Instructional Delivery</b>	In-Person five days per week, 3' spacing in classrooms	In-Person five days per week, 3' spacing in classrooms	In-Person five days per week, 3' spacing in classrooms as practicable	In-Person five days per week, 3' spacing in classrooms as practicable
<b>School Bus Masking (Including Athletics)</b>	Mandated	Mandated	Mandated	Mandated
<b>Common Area Masking/Transitions</b>	Mandated	Mandated	Mandated	Mandated
<b>Classroom Masking</b>	Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Recommended / 3' distancing as practicable	Likely mandated per discussions with Health Departments
<b>Cafeteria Masking</b>	Recommended	Strongly Recommended	Recommended / 3' distancing as practicable	Mandated / 6' distancing as practicable
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# THINGS TO CONSIDER

- CDC recommendations and requirements, and other non CDC mandates
- Quarantines will still be done, especially for those not vaccinated - 15 min cumulative within 6 ft. Masks substantially reduce quarantines, ESPECIALLY in schools per CDC guidance that exempts quarantines for certain conditions in schools (i.e. were masks worn, are contacts vaccinated...etc.)
- Process to return to school if sent home due to symptoms will remain the same as per CDC guidance

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

- Daily health screens no longer required but encourage to be done by staff and students daily – no reporting to school required
- Daily temperature checks no longer required but encourage to be done by parents and guardians at home daily – no reporting to school required
- Hygiene practices will continue to be expected (hand washing, sanitizer, use of tissues...etc)

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

- VERY likely masking will be taken out of our control as the incoming Governor has made public statements that signal universal masking indoors will be required in schools
- Masks will be allowed to be worn at all times by anyone while on campus
- Utica National (District's Insurance Carrier) has issued a written statement indicating they will cover us as long as we follow CDC guidelines (the draft protocols follows CDC guidelines)
- Athletics currently look to continue as they did last year with masking being recommended if outdoors. Questions remain about indoor athletics. All could change at moments notice
- Field trips/sport trips will be planned for operating but decisions may need to be made on individual basis

# THINGS TO CONSIDER

- District will continually monitor transmission rates. As circumstances evolve (i.e. the county moves to red transmission rate), communication with NCDOH and District Physician will be required. Decisions at the local level will be based upon mandates (if any) and dialogue with DOH and District Physician
- Red zone could be here soon and we could start year under red protocols (currently at 80 positive cases/100,000 residents) – red begins at 100/100,000 over 7 days
- School facilities usage could continue within noted protocols except if we move to a red transmission rate. At that time, outside use of facilities (including adult ed) may be suspended until we return to lower rate, depending on communication with DOH and District Physician
- School visitors could be allowed unless we are at red transmission rate. May be suspended until we return to lower rate, depending on communication with DOH and District Physician

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