

Syosset Central School District

Health and Safety FAQ

Update for the 2023-2024 School Year

Masks

- Mask wearing is not required and is optional for all students and staff. Student and staff decisions to wear or not to wear masks will be honored and respected.

Physical Distance

- No physical or social distancing protocols will be in place.
- All rooms, furnishings, and student spaces have been returned to pre-COVID set-up.

COVID Testing

- There are currently no COVID testing requirements in place for students and/or staff to attend school.
- For the safety and health of the school community, individuals experiencing possible COVID symptoms are strongly encouraged to take a COVID test and to remain home until they are symptom-free or the cause of their symptoms has been identified as non-COVID related. (i.e., fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and diarrhea)

COVID Reporting

- We will continue to ask that any positive cases of COVID be reported to the District by completing the online COVID reporting tool

Quarantine, Close Contacts, Contact Tracing

- Those who have tested positive for COVID should isolate for 5 days at home.
- After isolating for five (5) days, it is recommended that those who have tested positive wear a mask for an additional five (5) days upon return to school or work.
- The new guidance issued by New York State states that “Those with symptoms may resume attending school after the five (5) days if “they are fever free without fever-reducing medicine for 24 hours and if their symptoms are improving.
- Close contacts of a positive COVID case are not required to quarantine.
- Close contacts are not required to quarantine, therefore the District will not engage in individual contact tracing.

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- Individuals exposed to COVID, regardless of vaccination status, are recommended to wear a well-fitted mask for a full 10-day period and get tested at least five (5) days after close contact, or sooner, if symptoms develop.

Classroom Instruction

- Instruction is in-person for all students.

Ventilation, Cleaning and Disinfecting Protocols

- All schools meet mechanical ventilation requirements.
- All cleaning and disinfecting protocols have returned to pre-COVID health and safety requirements and standards.

Bus Transportation

- Pre-COVID bus routing and seating will be in place.
- Mask wearing is optional for students and adults riding on school buses.

Athletics

- All Athletics have returned to pre-COVID procedures.
- There is no COVID testing requirement for sports participation.

Field Trips

- Field trips are returning this year.

Building Visitors

- All pre-COVID procedures for building visitors are in effect.
- All building visitors are required to have an appointment or invitation to visit the school, and must show government-issued identification upon arrival.