



2021-22 OPENING PLAN

COVID-19 Health and Safety Procedures

All K-12 students in the East Greenbush Central School District will return to full time in-person learning for the 2021-22 school year. The following procedures are based upon guidelines and recommendations provided by the CDC, American Academy of Pediatrics and the NYS Departments of Health and Education.

This plan is subject to change based on updated guidance. Updated March 11, 2022.



MASKS

- Face masks are optional for all students, staff and visitors inside schools, on school buses and when outside on school property.
- Masks are required upon return from isolation during days 6 through 10 after COVID-19 infection.



SOCIAL DISTANCING

- Schools will maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms. All schools within the district are able to comply with this guidance and fully accommodate all students for instruction.



VENTILATION

- Schools have implemented improved ventilation procedures to allow more fresh air into buildings including a purge cycle program, running exhaust fans 24/7, replacing and repairing exhaust fans and upgrading air filters.



CLEANING AND DISINFECTING

- Continued regular cleaning and disinfecting of school buildings, buses and high-touch areas.



TRANSPORTATION

- Face masks are optional for all students and staff while riding on a school bus.
- Windows and roof hatches will be open to increase ventilation on the bus.
- Cleaning and disinfecting will continue following each bus run daily.



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- Seating arrangements for students are being made to ensure as much physical distancing as possible within space constraints.
- Layered mitigation protocols will include hand washing or hand sanitizer before and after meals; cleaning and disinfection between lunch periods; providing increased ventilation of seating areas.



ATHLETICS & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Interscholastic sports and clubs will be offered to students.
- Students participating in higher-risk winter sports must be vaccinated.



FULL REMOTE PROGRAM

- Full Remote Program through Questar will be offered to medially eligible students.



MUSIC

- General Music, Chorus and Orchestra must maintain 3 feet social distancing during instruction.
- Wind and brass instrumental instruction will make use of bell covers for instruments.
- Outdoor instruction will be considered as weather permits.



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

- When indoors, students should maintain 6 feet social distancing during physical education instruction.
- Outdoor activities will be prioritized as weather permits.



CONTACT TRACING

- The district conducts contact tracing so it can notify close contacts who have been exposed at school.



TESTING & SCREENING

- The district offers Point of Care testing for students/staff who develop symptoms at school.
- Surveillance testing is conducted weekly for any unvaccinated employees.
- Free at-home COVID tests are available to school staff and families.



ISOLATION/QUARANTINE

- 5-day isolation period for individuals with COVID symptoms or those who have tested positive. Submit Affirmation of Isolation Form upon return to school.
- Students/staff identified as contacts are not required to quarantine as long as they remain asymptomatic. Instead, it is recommended that the individual wears a mask for 10 days and tests twice. Individuals who have had COVID-19 in the last 90 days are not recommended to test or wear a mask.



COMMUNICATION

- COVID-19 updates will be shared with faculty, staff and families.
- Important information will be posted at www.egcsd.org/coronavirus.



RESOURCES

- Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools (CDC)
- COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools (American Academy of Pediatrics)
- Back to School Health and Safety Guide (NYS Education Department)
- Vaccine Finder