



HALDANE

School Reopening Plan September 2021

Presented to the Board of Education - August 24, 2021

Goals for Reopening

The following goals have guided our preparations for the upcoming year:

1. To provide students with access to in-person instruction and extracurricular opportunities to the greatest extent possible
2. To implement health and safety standards based upon the local context, including community transmission rates, vaccination status, and local testing data

Welcome Back

- First Day of School for students - Thursday, September 2
- All students K-12 will attend in-person instruction every day
- Schools will revert to their pre-COVID daily schedules
 - Middle and High School will begin at 7:33 am
 - Elementary School will begin at 8:35 am

Reopening Guidance

- Haldane's reopening procedures were informed by guidance from:
 - Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
 - American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
 - NY State Education Department
 - Putnam County Department of Health
 - School District Physician - Dr. Louis Corsaro

The Delta variant in an infected individual is associated with 100 times the viral load than the original Covid strain, and thus we are dealing with a substantially more contagious virus than we were dealing with at the beginning of the pandemic.

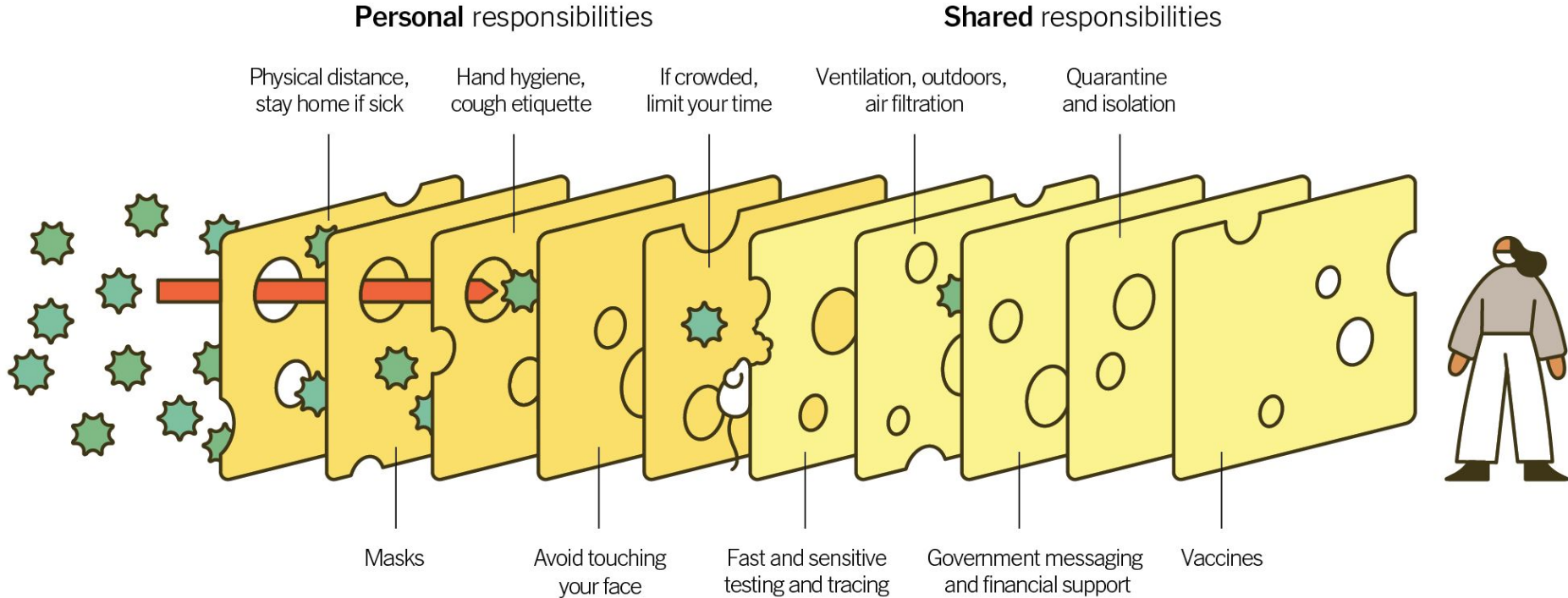
Hence from an epidemiological perspective this is not the time to retreat, but to keep everything in place while we attempt to bring everyone back into the classroom.

- Dr. Corsaro, Haldane School District Physician



Multiple Layers Improve Success

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



Vaccinations

Vaccination is the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)

Masking

The CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status and community transmission levels.

Masks are recommended for school events and athletics while indoors, per the CDC.

- NYSED Health & Safety Guide for 2021-2022

Symptoms & Quarantining

Indoor mask wearing will virtually eliminate the need for quarantining following exposure, unless the individual is experiencing COVID symptoms.

Individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms should be tested for COVID-19 and stay home.

- NYSED Health & Safety Guide for 2021-2022

Health & Safety Procedures

- Physical Distancing - a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing will be implemented in all classrooms
- Masks - will be required indoors, regardless of vaccination status
- Outdoor Classrooms - each classroom will have designated outdoor space for use when weather permits; tented spaces will return

Health & Safety Procedures

- Ventilation - the district will continue the enhanced ventilation procedures implemented last year:
 - Maximized outdoor air supplied to buildings via installed systems
 - MERV-13 rated filters and routine filter changes
 - Preventative maintenance for mechanical systems
 - Expanding the use of HEPA filtration units to all classrooms

Health & Safety Procedures

- Food Service - cafeteria will be used when outdoor lunch is not possible; desks will be spaced 6 feet apart
 - Auditorium and consumer science room may be utilized, as needed
- Transportation - students will be required to wear masks and sit 3 feet apart on bus

Health & Safety Procedures

- COVID Testing - on-campus testing of vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals will continue in partnership with the Putnam County Department of Health
 - Families are encouraged to register via FamilyID
- Vaccination - as of March, 86% of Haldane employees were fully vaccinated

Health & Safety Guidelines



Wear a Mask

Wear your mask indoors, regardless of vaccination status.

Masks are not required outdoors.



Physically Distance

Sit a minimum of 3 feet apart in classrooms.

Eat outside when weather allows.

When eating inside, sit 6 feet apart.



Get Tested

Sign up for voluntary COVID testing through FamilyID.

Vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals can be tested.



Monitor Symptoms

Stay home & see your doctor if you have symptoms.

If COVID-positive, return to school 10 days after start of symptoms if fever free without medication and symptoms have improved.

If COVID-negative, return to school when symptoms have improved.

Remote Learning

- Remote instruction will be provided to students who are required to quarantine following exposure to COVID-19
- In the event of a COVID-related school closure, the district will facilitate remote learning
- Homebound instruction and other health-related absences will follow pre-COVID procedures

Athletics

- All fall sports will occur as scheduled
- High-risk sports may require weekly COVID screenings

Upcoming Dates

- School Reopening Webinar with Principals - Thursday, August 26 at 4:00pm
- First Day of School - Thursday, September 2
- Labor Day Holidays - Monday, September 6 and Tuesday, September 7

Questions & Answers

