

East Woods School COVID-19 Plan Revisions for 2021-2022

East Woods School will continue to follow the mitigation strategies outlined in the 2020-2021 plan with the following **modifications**:

1. As the school year begins, **universal mask wearing** will be required indoors regardless of vaccination status as per the state mandate from the governor's office until further notice. So far, we are expecting to be able to allow Pre-Nursery students to be unmasked except for when they are traveling in the hallways, but this could change depending upon the exact language of the expected emergency state mandate. **East Woods School has a statutory obligation to adhere to state-issued mandates. All public and non-public schools must follow such mandates.** East Woods approved masks are multi-layer cloth masks with tight weave, surgical masks fitted to the face, and cone masks. Bandanas, gaiters or mesh masks are not allowed. Masks with vents are not allowed.
2. Indoor social distancing in classrooms and at lunch will be 3 feet.
3. All faculty and staff are required to be vaccinated and submit proof before classes begin or must submit a weekly negative rapid COVID test result on Friday evening or Saturday morning.
4. Students who are vaccinated must submit proof of vaccination for the school's records and for the purpose of contact tracing and understanding quarantining needs. Please send this to the school nurse Patricia Rosso, proso@eastwoods.org
5. In the case of a vaccinated individual who has been exposed as a close contact with a person who has COVID-19, that person is not required to quarantine but must remain masked at all times at school. Social distancing of 6 feet for lunch and outdoors will be required for that individual for a 10 day period.
6. At this time, there are no New York State quarantine rules for traveling to other states. However, this could change at any time, and parents, faculty and staff are responsible for reading, understanding and following NY DOH travel requirements before, during and after their child or the employee travels. Please be aware there are usually specific rules for international travel depending upon the destination country.
7. Dance, theater, band, music, athletics and other specific classes or enrichments must follow agreed-upon mitigating measures as delineated by the Head of School in meetings with those faculty members. The requirement is for everyone to be masked indoors. In the case of interscholastic athletics at this time, students must wear masks in the locker rooms, on the bus to games, and likely during athletic contests,

even if outdoors. The purpose of this is to avoid cross-contamination between school populations. Our students do not need to be masked in practices.

8. Parents who wish to observe games must submit proof of vaccination the week before the game and/or a negative COVID test result from the day before (a rapid test is acceptable) and bring a lawn chair to use for social distancing purposes. Please send to Troy Walker twalker@eastwoods.org in advance.
9. Temperature taking at the door will be discontinued. We discovered it was not a helpful mitigation strategy as children who have fevers generally have lower temperatures in the morning.
10. Some outdoor and a few indoor events/meetings with parents will take place with specific instructions from the Head of School in advance for safety purposes.
11. The cohorts have changed for this year. Pre-Nursery is its own cohort. Kindergarten and First Grade are a cohort together. Second, Third and Fourth Grades are a cohort together, and Fifth through Eighth Grades are a cohort together. Please be cognizant of these cohorts when planning social activities for the children. Unmasked socialization across cohorts puts the ability to hold in-person school at risk.
12. This is not a change, but a reminder. Individuals with COVID must stay at home and quarantine for 14 days and may only return with a doctor's note OR a negative test result. Individuals who have had a close-contact exposure and who are **unvaccinated** must quarantine for 10 days and return with a negative test result or quarantine for 14 days and return with a doctor's note. Quarantining individuals, if they are feeling well enough, should participate in their classes virtually.

Pick up and drop off procedures were sent previously to parents and are similar to last year. If you have questions, please contact your child's teacher.

It is essential for parents, faculty and staff to review last year's plan if they have forgotten tenets or if new to the school. The plan can be found on East Woods School's website <https://www.eastwoods.org/about/covid-19-reopening-plan>. East Woods School reserves the right to modify any mitigation strategies during the school year as conditions relating to the pandemic may change at any time.