

Suffield Public Schools

Safety Protocols Update

February 17, 2022



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Stakeholder Engagement



- Parent Advisory Group Engagement
 - February 10, 2022
- Collective Bargaining Groups Leadership Engagement
 - February 10, 2022
- School and District Leadership
 - February 17, 2022

Expiration of Executive Order 13A

When: As of February 28, 2022



“Connecticut is seeing a dramatic decline in cases caused by the Omicron variant, and children over the age of 5 have had the ability to get vaccinated for more than three months now...

With this in mind, I think we are in a good position to phase out the requirement that masks be worn in all schools statewide and shift the determination on whether to require this to the local level.”

Lamont, N. (2022, February 7). *Governor Lamont Announces Plan To Eliminate Statewide School Mask Requirement, Allow These Decisions To Be Determined at the Local Level* [Speech audio recording]. The Office of Governor Ned Lamont. <https://portal.ct.gov/Office-of-the-Governor/News/Press-Releases/2022/02-2022/Governor-Lamont-Announces-Plan-To-Eliminate-Statewide-School-Mask-Requirement>

County/Town Case Rate

Current 7 Day CDC Model

Indicator	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days ²	0-9	10-49	50-99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs that are positive during the past 7 days ³	<5.0%	5.0%-7.9%	8.0%-9.9%	≥10.0%

	Hartford County	Suffield
Feb 14	24.72	46.52
Feb 13	25.74	46.52
Feb 12	27.29	48.33
Feb 11	28.84	48.33
Feb 10	30.38	48.33
Feb 9	32.83	48.33
Feb 8	36.38	54.2
Feb 7	40.22	61.43
Feb 6	46.07	72.72
Feb 5	52.82	76.79
Feb 4	59.58	95.76
Feb 3	66.33	114.73
Feb 2	71.83	124.21
Feb 1	77.96	128.28
Jan 31	84.69	133.7
Jan 30	88.55	140.47
Jan 29	96.27	163.96
Jan 28	104.00	169.83
Jan 27	111.73	194.22
Jan 26	122.39	163.96
Jan 25	138.78	183.83
Jan 24	146.63	196.48
Jan 23	152.82	190.16
Jan 22	159.30	181.58
Jan 21	165.77	172.99
Jan 20	172.25	164.41
Jan 19	187.37	164.86
Jan 18	198.00	178.87
Jan 17	213.65	190.61
Jan 16	233.04	194.67
Jan 15	232.65	175.7

Jan 14	232.26	173.9
Jan 13	231.87	153.57
Jan 12	226.27	187.45
Jan 11	220.19	172.54
Jan 10	221.96	162.6
Jan 9	221.88	159.44
Jan 8	213.70	153.57
Jan 7	205.53	147.7
Jan 6	197.35	141.83
Jan 5	180.60	137.31
Jan 4	166.24	120.6
Jan 3	145.47	103.89
Jan 2	130.14	102.53
Jan 1	123.86	98.47
Dec 31	117.57	94.4
Dec 30	111.28	90.34
Dec 29	104.37	84.92
Dec 28	92.64	79.04
Dec 27	81.80	70.01
Dec 26	74.38	68.2
Dec 25	73.28	69.56
Dec 24	72.18	71.37
Dec 23	71.08	72.72
Dec 22	72.10	73.62
Dec 21	72.48	75.88
Dec 20	69.26	72.27
Dec 19	63.30	68.66
Dec 18	62.96	69.56
Dec 17	62.61	70.01
Dec 16	62.27	70.46
Dec 15	61.34	70.46
Dec 14	61.03	67.3
Dec 13	59.10	67.75
Dec 12	53.66	60.53
Dec 11	50.09	55.1
Dec 10	46.53	49.68

Dec 9	42.96	44.72
Dec 8	36.99	40.65
Dec 7	32.71	36.59
Dec 6	32.91	37.04
Dec 5	29.11	30.07
Dec 4	27.18	31.17
Dec 3	25.25	32.52
Dec 2	23.33	33.42
Dec 1	22.96	32.97
Nov 30	20.42	31.62
Nov 29	19.54	32.52
Nov 28	18.71	30.26
Nov 27	18.26	30.71
Nov 26	17.81	30.71
Nov 25	17.37	30.71
Nov 24	16.85	28.46
Nov 23	16.61	28.91
Nov 22	16.08	30.26

2021 County/Town Case Rate (March-April)

7 Day CDC Model

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30-Apr	17.75	9.49	31-Mar	25.32	27.55
29-Apr	18.18	10.39	30-Mar	25.33	30.71
28-Apr	18.46	10.39	29-Mar	24.81	31.62
27-Apr	18.86	10.39	28-Mar	22.79	29.36
26-Apr	20.41	11.74	27-Mar	22.47	34.33
25-Apr	21.71	11.74	26-Mar	22.15	38.84
24-Apr	21.88	14.00	25-Mar	21.84	42.91
23-Apr	22.05	16.26	24-Mar	21	41.55
22-Apr	22.22	18.97	23-Mar	26.66	39.75
21-Apr	23.33	21.68	22-Mar	17.03	38.84
20-Apr	23.09	20.78	21-Mar	18.36	39.75
19-Apr	23.31	21.68	20-Mar	17.77	38.84
18-Apr	24.72	25.29	19-Mar	17.17	39.75
17-Apr	24.69	24.84	18-Mar	16.58	40.20
16-Apr	24.66	25.29	17-Mar	15.96	41.10
15-Apr	24.63	25.29	16-Mar	15.47	38.84
14-Apr	25.18	26.65	15-Mar	15.42	37.94
13-Apr	25.85	27.10	14-Mar	15.23	36.59
12-Apr	23.96	26.20	13-Mar	15.44	35.68
11-Apr	25.06	29.81	12-Mar	15.55	35.23
10-Apr	25.14	28.91	11-Mar	15.55	35.23
9-Apr	25.22	28.46	10-Mar	14.92	34.33
8-Apr	25.30	28.00	9-Mar	15.26	36.13
7-Apr	25.02	27.10	8-Mar	16.87	42.01
6-Apr	26.07	29.81	7-Mar	18.97	41.55
5-Apr	26.40	30.71	6-Mar	19.46	42.46
4-Apr	25.26	29.36	5-Mar	19.95	42.91
3-Apr	25.51	29.36	4-Mar	19.95	43.81
2-Apr	25.75	28.46	3-Mar	20.81	42.91
1-Apr	26.00	28.00	2-Mar	20.36	42.01
			1-Mar	20.66	41.10

SPS Positive Case Trend



	3-Jan	4-Jan	5-Jan	6-Jan	7-Jan	8-Jan	9-Jan	10-Jan	11-Jan	12-Jan	13-Jan	14-Jan	15-Jan	16-Jan	17-Jan	18-Jan	19-Jan	20-Jan	21-Jan	22-Jan	23-Jan	24-Jan	25-Jan	26-Jan	27-Jan	28-Jan	29-Jan	30-Jan
# of Confirmed Cases	68	10	8	3	9	12	21	34	9	12	6	4	7	3	9	7	4	7	10	9	13	7	6	3	1	1	0	1

	31-Jan	1-Feb	2-Feb	3-Feb	4-Feb	5-Feb	6-Feb	7-Feb	8-Feb	9-Feb	10-Feb	11-Feb	12-Feb	13-Feb	14-Feb	15-Feb	16-Feb
# of Confirmed Cases	2	1	1	3	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0

SPS COVID-19 Testing Statistics



Date	Registered	Tested	Positive		% Tested	% Positive
20-Dec	301	169	2		56.1%	1.2%
29-Dec	447	136	17		30.4%	12.5%
3-Jan	670	313	19		46.7%	6.1%
6-Jan	757	306	17		40.4%	5.6%
10-Jan	814	351	21		43.10%	6.0%
13-Jan	832	252	5		30.3%	2.0%
21-Jan	831	207	9		24.9%	4.3%
24-Jan	816	335	7		41.1%	2.1%
27-Jan	822	177	0		21.5%	0.0%
31-Jan	820	299	1		36.5%	0.3%
7-Feb	819	312	2		38.1%	0.6%
14-Feb	818	274	0		33.5%	0.0%

Weekly pooled testing of school populations can help to quickly and consistently identify and isolate students and staff who are circulating among the school population while infected with SARS-CoV-2 and capable of transmitting the virus to others, but lack any symptoms of COVID-19 that would otherwise indicate their infection status.

- CSDE (August 2022)

COVID-19 Hospitalizations (Hartford County)



<u>Date updated</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Hospitalized cases</u>
2/15/2022	Hartford	129
2/14/2022	Hartford	138
2/11/2022	Hartford	160
2/10/2022	Hartford	169
2/9/2022	Hartford	189
2/8/2022	Hartford	209
2/7/2022	Hartford	207
2/4/2022	Hartford	249
2/3/2022	Hartford	278
2/2/2022	Hartford	296
2/1/2022	Hartford	316
1/31/2022	Hartford	325
1/28/2022	Hartford	393
1/27/2022	Hartford	431
1/26/2022	Hartford	435
1/25/2022	Hartford	456
1/24/2022	Hartford	454

<u>Date updated</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Hospitalized cases</u>
1/21/2022	Hartford	522
1/20/2022	Hartford	545
1/19/2022	Hartford	555
1/18/2022	Hartford	541
1/17/2022	Hartford	548
1/14/2022	Hartford	526
1/13/2022	Hartford	523
1/12/2022	Hartford	531
1/11/2022	Hartford	513
1/10/2022	Hartford	506
1/7/2022	Hartford	441
1/6/2022	Hartford	456
1/5/2022	Hartford	421
1/4/2022	Hartford	390
1/3/2022	Hartford	359

Source: data.ct.gov.
Retrieved: February 16, 2022

Vaccination Data

	Population	Initiated Vaccine %	Fully Vaccinated %
Suffield	15814	73.54	66.64
County	891720	78.59	71.8
State	3631470	81.95	73.04

	Age Group	Initiated Vaccine %	Fully Vaccinated %
Suffield	5-11	27.96	21.95
Suffield	12-17	64.03	57.71
Suffield	18-24	60.10	52.08
Suffield	25-44	70.36	62.94
Suffield	45-64	82.19	76.57
Suffield	65+	100	100



“Vaccination is currently 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.”

Source: data.ct.gov.

Retrieved: February 9, 2022

- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)

Layered Prevention Strategies

Phase I: As of February 28, 2022

Social Distancing

- Provide additional space between desks and seating
- Discontinue meeting spaces and small group work
- Increase social distance in cafeterias by using classrooms and auxiliary cafeteria spaces
- Minimize classroom movement to greatest extent possible

Contact Tracing and Communication

- Provide parent notifications to entire classrooms with positive cases
- District notification if clusters are identified

Cohorts

- No changes to current procedures

Vaccinations

Isolation and Quarantine Protocols (updated December 31, 2021)

Mask-wearing

- **Utilization of masks will be OPTIONAL in schools**
- **Universal masking required on busses (Federal Regulation)**

Hygiene Protocols

Ventilation and Cleaning

Expanded COVID-19 Testing Availability (Monday and Thursday)



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Lamont (2022, February 7)

Layered Prevention Strategies

Phase II: Potential to Begin mid-March

Social Distancing

- To the greatest extent possible

Contact Tracing

- No changes to current procedures

Cohorts

- No changes to current procedures

Vaccinations

Quarantine Protocols

- No changes to current procedures

Mask-wearing

- **Utilization of masks will be OPTIONAL in schools**
- **Universal masking required on busses (Federal Regulation)**

Reinforcing Good Hygiene

- No changes to current procedures

Ventilation and Cleaning

- No changes to current procedures

COVID-19 Testing Availability (Mondays only)



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Student/Staff Isolation Protocol

- Students/Staff with any COVID-19 Symptoms
 - Isolate at home.
 - Test for COVID-19 (either self-test or at a testing site).
 - If test result is negative, return to activities when fever-free for at least 24 hrs. and other symptoms are significantly improved.
 - If test result is positive, isolate for at least 5 days, return to activities on day 6 or later when fever-free for at least 24 hrs. and other symptoms are significantly improved.
 - Facemasks recommended at all times when around others for an additional 5 days (i.e., through day 10). This will be on the honor system (**Personal Responsibility**).



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*Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
(December 29, 2021)*

Student/Staff Quarantine Protocols



Asymptomatic Exposure (Vaccinated)

- Continue with in-person learning/teaching
- Test for COVID-19 after Day 5
- Consider quarantining for non-school related activities
- **Facemasks Recommended** for 10 Days (Personal Responsibility)

Asymptomatic Exposure (Partially Vaccinated or Unvaccinated)

- 5 Day Quarantine and return to school on Day 6;
- Test for COVID-19 after Day 5
- Student Screen and Stay Remains an Option
- **Facemasks Recommended** for 10 Days (Personal Responsibility)

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Considerations for Continuity of Learning and Protocols Decision-making

Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies

(e.g., physical distancing, screening testing).

- CDC K-12 Guidance (July 2021)

Considerations

- Guidance from DPH, CSDE, CDC
- Unique School COVID-19 Transmission Trends
- County COVID-19 Transmission Trends
- Suffield Public Schools District COVID-19 Transmission Trends
- Town of Suffield COVID-19 Transmission Trends
- Hospitalizations (Hartford County)
- Vaccination Data

