



## Department of Public Health

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### **COVID-19 Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs** (September 21, 2022)

*This communication is intended to serve as an informational tool only to support districts in accordance with guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and New York State. Districts should review that guidance closely and consult their counsel for legal advice.*

- Monroe County Department of Public Health recommends K-12 schools and early care and education (“ECE”) programs follow the [Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning](#) provided by the Centers for Disease Control.
- If a school or ECE program is experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak or there is a High Level of community transmission (described by the CDC as “high COVID-19 Community Level”), they should consider adding prevention strategies such as universal masking. When making these decisions, the school or ECE program should consult with their medical director and school/program community. Considerations for prioritizing strategies are available within the [CDC school guidance](#).
- As required by New York State, schools and ECE programs should report positive cases of COVID-19 among faculty, staff and students/participants to the Monroe County Department of Public Health, using the [online portal](#). Schools and ECE programs operating under a Limited Service Laboratory (LSL) are also required to follow the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services [laboratory data reporting requirements](#).