



2021 - 2022

School Reopening Plan

VISION STATEMENT

Let each become all one is capable of being.

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Our mission is for East Islip to be a *District of Excellence* and to educate students with the skills and knowledge to become exceptional learners and leaders. We will provide a safe and positive learning environment in partnership with our greater community.

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EAST ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT 2021-2022 REOPENING PLAN

All COVID-19 protocols will continually be reevaluated based on available guidance and recommendations from health professionals.

MASKS

Masks are universally required inside school buildings and on buses regardless of vaccination status. Mask breaks will be provided during the school day.

MASK BREAKS

Mask breaks will be provided on a regular basis at the discretion of the classroom teacher. Please note that certain circumstances will lend themselves to mask breaks or the teacher may choose to do a rolling mask break. For example, one third of the class takes a break at a time. If your child is struggling, please contact a building administrator to ensure appropriate mask breaks are being taken.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING

Student desks will be placed three (3) feet apart, and that distance will be maintained among students within the classroom. Band and chorus classes will maintain six feet of distance.

INSTRUCTION

This district will offer full time in-person instruction for all students. The district will not provide a fully remote option.

GENERAL PROTECTIONS

Buildings will be cleaned and disinfected every evening in conjunction with the use of misting and fogging machines. High-touch areas will be disinfected multiple times during the school day. Frequent handwashing is encouraged, and handwashing breaks will be built into the school day. Hand sanitizer is available. Anyone with symptoms should stay home and seek medical attention.

QUARANTINING

Positive cases must remain in isolation for a minimum of 10 days from symptom onset, or test date if asymptomatic. Contact tracing will be conducted with the following requirements:

- Masked students who are at least three (3) feet from a positive case who was also masked will not be required to quarantine.
- Adults should maintain six (6) feet of distance between each other and students whenever possible.

Vaccinated individuals who are considered a “close contact” should be tested 3-5 days after exposure but can remain in school if symptom free.

REPORTING

Report positive COVID cases, or close contact with a positive case, to the school nurse or building administration.

CONTACT TRACING

Students in classrooms who are separated by three (3) feet or greater, and are masked, are not considered close contacts. Adults separated by six (6) feet or greater and are masked are not close contacts.

ATHLETICS

The NYSPHSAA and Section XI intend to run a full fall sports season. Home and visitor spectators will be permitted. Indoor spectators are expected to sit six (6) feet away from other family units and remain masked.

LOCKER ROOMS

For the month of September, athletic teams will have access to the locker room at the high school and middle school. We are encouraging students to bring their clothing and uniforms home every night to be cleaned appropriately and aired out. Equipment can be brought back the next morning to the locker room. Physical Education classes will not be changing for gym at the secondary level at the beginning of school. This will be reevaluated during the month of September.

THE ARTS

Band and chorus classes will maintain six (6) feet of social distance. Orchestras may be at three (3) feet and non-wind instruments (percussionists) in the band may also be at three (3) feet.

TRANSPORTATION

Masks are required for all students and staff while on buses. Physical distance on buses is not required by the CDC. However, social distancing will be utilized where practicable.

MEALS

Physical distance will be maximized as much as possible. Additional spaces will be used outside of the cafeteria for mealtime seating, including classrooms, to help facilitate distancing if practicable. The USDA has extended the provision of free meals (breakfast and lunch) to ALL students on days school is in session.

EMOTIONAL WELL-BEING

The emotional well-being of students is of paramount importance. School psychologists, school social workers, school counselors and other staff are available to identify and support students and families who need assistance. Social and emotional support will continue to be provided to all students to not only offer emotional skill-building, but also to provide an opportunity for staff to have proactive check-ins with students to identify student social, emotional and mental health needs.