



2021-22 COVID-19 Protocols

“Top Ten” Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this document is to provide parents/guardians with clear information regarding COVID-19 expectations and accommodations for the 2021-22 school year. Please keep in mind this document is subject to change based upon the regional infection rate and any modifications to CDC/NYS DOH guidance. The full guidance document anticipated from the New York State Department of Health will be posted to the district website as soon as it is received.

1. Q: Are all faculty, staff and students required to wear masks indoors, at all times regardless of vaccination status?

A: Yes. All individuals within district buildings must wear a well-fitted mask at all times other than while eating.

2. Q: Are masks required outdoors?

A: No. Mask wearing outdoors is optional. No one is required nor prohibited from wearing a mask outdoors.

3. Q: Will mask breaks be provided at all levels, K-12?

A: Yes. In warmer temperatures mask breaks will be offered with greater frequency. Outdoor learning spaces will be maximized as well.

4. Q: Are COVID-19 vaccinations required?

A: No. Not at this time. However, we anticipate guidance regarding vaccination/weekly testing in the coming weeks via the New York State Department of Health. The initial guidance is likely to impact faculty and staff exclusively.

5. Q: Will the “plastic” barriers be in place on student desks?
A: No. The barriers were removed and stored at the conclusion of the 2020-21 school year.
6. Q: Will there be a remote instructional model available for all students?
A: No. Just as in the past (pre-COVID-19), long-term remote instructional programs will only be made available to those students deemed medically necessary. If a child qualifies medically for an alternate placement (outside of the Elwood UFSD), parents should contact the correct building principal immediately. The limited program is in cooperation with Western Suffolk BOCES.
7. Q: Will students directed to quarantine (either due to a positive test or being identified as a close contact as defined by the Suffolk County Department of Health) be provided with remote instruction during the quarantine period?
A: Yes. Remote instruction will be provided on a grade-level appropriate basis only to those students who are under a directed quarantine. Remote instruction is not available to students who are unable to attend school for other reasons. Pre-pandemic practices will be used for absences not related to COVID-19.
8. Q: Will parents continue to receive the weekly assurances email? Will temperature checks remain in place as students enter the buildings?
A: No. Temperature checks are no longer recommended. While weekly emails will not be sent, it is essential that parents notify the correct building health office/main office when there is a positive COVID-19 case within the home. Household members should continue to remain at home if there is a pending COVID test.
9. Q: Will co-curricular (clubs), athletics and other after school activities be taking place?
A: Yes. While COVID-19 precautions need to be respected, we plan to have all pre-pandemic offerings in place throughout the 2021-22 school year.
10. Q: Will distancing precautions be in place throughout the buildings?
A: Yes. All desks have been positioned at a minimum of three feet apart as recommended by the CDC. Six feet of distance will be in place while students are (unmasked) eating as well in aspects of our music and physical education programs.