



Bedford School District
Safely Reopening Schools for the 2021-2022 School Year
August 13, 2021 UPDATE - Updates in BOLD

Component	Subcategory	Preschool	Elementary (K-4)	Intermediate (5-6)	Middle (7-8)	High (9-12)
Healthy Classrooms	Vaccination	The Bedford School District supports the DHHS recommendations for vaccination (ages 5+).				
	Masks	Staff and students may elect to wear masks, but are not required to do so. It is recommended that unvaccinated individuals wear masks while indoors.				
	Positive Cases	An individual who tests positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate . Identified close contacts will be required to utilize the self-observation guide .				
	Clusters & Outbreaks	Identified clusters and outbreaks may require up to 14-day masking in classrooms/schools respectively.				
	Contact Tracing/Quarantine	<ol style="list-style-type: none">Any person with new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19 will be excluded from school and instructed to isolate at home and seek testing for COVID-19.Any person who has been identified as a close contact of a positive case of COVID-19 within the school will receive notification and will be required to use the self-observation guide.<ol style="list-style-type: none">Unless advised otherwise by NH DHHS, staff, children/students who are potential close contacts are provided the self-observation guide but are not required to quarantine (in an outbreak situation, NH DHHS may provide different quarantine guidance).Individuals who travel internationally or by cruise ship may be asked to quarantine based on DHHS travel guidance.				
	Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette	We expect students and staff to wash hands frequently and use hand sanitizer if washing hands is not possible. All classrooms and offices will have hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies available. Respiratory etiquette will be taught and encouraged at all grade levels.				

	Disinfecting Objects	Classrooms will be equipped with disinfecting cleaning supplies. Shared supplies (pencils, crayons, etc.) will be limited. Equipment (playground balls, lab equipment, etc.) will be shared.
	Physical Distancing	With schools at full capacity, physical distancing will not be possible in every area; specifically in hallways & during lunch.
Healthy Buildings	Air Ventilation	District Maintenance will continue to monitor and maintain healthy air ventilation throughout the year.
	No-contact Infrastructure	Touchless water bottle filling stations will be available. Students and staff are expected to bring personal containers for hydration.
	Surface Cleaning	We will conduct nightly cleaning of high touch, shared surfaces (i.e. bathrooms, door knobs, handrails)
	Bathroom Hygiene	Safety and hygiene measures will be taken when students use the school bathrooms.
Healthy Policies	Response Team	The school nurse is the point of contact for all health questions and concerns. We will continue to review and implement the State of NH recommendations.
	Illness	<p>Individuals should not attend school if there are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Any new or unexplained symptoms of COVID-19; this includes even mild symptoms. Please report this to the school nurse. Shared a household (temporarily or permanently) with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 in the prior 14 days and is unvaccinated. International or cruise ship travel in the last 10 days <p>Nurses will evaluate students who report to their offices with COVID-19 symptoms or other health-related concerns.</p>
Healthy Schedules	Lunch	All lunch rooms will return to pre-pandemic operations.
	Transportation	All students using bus transportation are required to wear masks, pursuant to CDC order .
Healthy Activities	Indoor/Outdoor Physical Activities	All recess/outdoor activity periods will return to pre-pandemic operations.
	Co-curricular activities and school-wide events	<p>All co-curricular activities will return to pre-pandemic operations.</p> <p>School-wide assemblies and event protocols will be planned while keeping current health and safety conditions in mind.</p>

This document is a dynamic plan that may change as local, state, and national trends fluctuate. The Bedford School District will consult the most updated guidance from the [United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) and the [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#), and may adapt this plan as needed to fit the needs of the school community.

Anchor Documents (2021-2022), [State of NH COVID-19 School Toolkit](#) (Updated 10.25.21), [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Schools and Childcare Programs](#) (Updated 7.9.21)