



SPRINGFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
COVID Protocols and Procedures
Updated March 13, 2022

As of March 14th, 2022, the Vermont Agency of Education (AOE) and the Vermont Department of Health (VDH) are moving away from creating health guidance for schools that differs from the guidance provided for all other Vermonters. This change is rooted in the state now looking at COVID-19 as an endemic as opposed to a pandemic. The adjusted protocols below represent the district's attempt to operationalize these changes in our schools.

1. **Students and Staff who are sick should stay home.** All students and staff should stay home if they:
 - Show symptoms of Covid-19
 - Have a fever greater than 100.4°F or
 - Are in isolation due to testing positive for Covid-19
2. **Students and Staff who develop signs of illness while at school** will be assessed by the school nurse. The health office staff will determine if a student or staff member needs to be sent home. Parents are encouraged to plan ahead for childcare needs if a student is unable to be in school due to illness.
3. **Masking is voluntary.** Individuals who choose to continue to mask, including those who face higher risk from COVID-19, will be supported in that choice.
 - If a person is a confirmed COVID case, they should follow VDH guidelines on return masking.
 - The district will continue to provide masks to students and staff through the end of the 2021-2022 school year.
4. **Visitors and volunteers will be allowed in the building by appointment**
 - IEP and 504 meetings will be held virtually or in-person.
5. **Field trips will be permitted on a case-by-case basis.**

6. **Student drop off and pick up procedures will be determined by each school.**
7. **Before and after school programs including All-4-One will follow the school district COVID-19 protocols.**
8. **Third party building usage will be considered permitted on a case-by-case basis.**
9. **If a suspected or confirmed COVID-19 case, custodial staff will disinfect the associated area of the confirmed case per protocol.**
10. **This district will provide access to home testing according to VDH and AOE guidance.**