NEW HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT



Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan (SRCSP)

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The guidelines and protocols outlined in this document are subject to revision as needed to reflect local, state, and federal guidelines and may be revised as appropriate to reflect the needs of local conditions.

Commentary Regarding COVID-19 Guidelines and Protocols

- The New Haven School District is committed to providing a quality education to all students, while also ensuring their safety and well-being.
- The COVID-19 guidelines developed and presented below follow all applicable local, state, and federal guidelines and incorporate many best practices advocated by school associations and groups.
- District-provided disinfectants meet EPA guidelines.
- Parents/guardians with questions or concerns are asked to call the New Haven School District at 573-237-3231 to discuss and address those concerns.

Academic Calendar Scenarios

The New Haven School District wants to ensure the entire community is aware of and prepared for any changes to the student calendar that may be required. Therefore, the New Haven School District has prepared 4 scenarios for the implementation of instruction. We plan to begin school using Scenario 1.

The benefits of scenarios 2 and 3 include, but are not limited to, students are able to learn in-person from teachers, students without internet access at home are able to download resources needed to work offline, paper resources can be distributed, and parents have fewer days in which daycare is needed. Students would be assigned to groups based on the first letter of their last name. Schools will work to ensure that students in a family with different last names will attend school on the same schedule. This will allow families to plan accordingly as all of their children would attend school on the same days.

Families have the option to enroll in Educere or MOCAP (Missouri Course Access & Virtual School Program) learning environments for students in grades K-12, regardless of whether or not the District is in Scenario 1-4. Students will be asked to commit to virtual learning for a semester after the fifth day in the virtual learning environment. In the event that the school district moves to Scenario 4, students enrolled in in-person learning will transition to distance learning facilitated by their classroom teachers and students enrolled in virtual learning will remain with their virtual provider.

In the New Haven School District, students enrolled in virtual courses complete their online work on the school campus. Any NHSD family wishing to enroll their student(s) in virtual learning should contact their respective school office (Elementary 237-2141, Middle/High 237-2629) and speak to an administrator for details.

New Haven School District 2022-2023 Scenarios

The New Haven School District is excited to welcome our students to the 2021-2022 school year. The New Haven School District has developed multiple scenarios for learning. In each of the scenarios, the curriculum is taught by New Haven teachers using Google Classroom learning management to support classroom content, organization, and student intervention. The purpose of communicating these scenarios now is to allow for advanced planning that may need to occur for our families.

SCENARIO 1: REGULAR WEEK WITH FIVE DAYS OF IN-PERSON LEARNING

Students attend school on campus and meet in person for instruction.

MONDAY
in-person learning for all students

TUESDAY
in-person learning for all students

WEDNESDAY
in-person learning for all students

THURSDAY
in-person learning for all students

FRIDAY
in-person learning for all students

for all students

SCENARIO 2: MODIFIED WEEK WITH TWO GROUPS OF IN-PERSON LEARNING (50% OF STUDENTS PER GROUP)

(HS and MS only, Elementary remains in Scenario 1) Students attend on a modified schedule designed to reduce class sizes. A or B days (A days: Last names A-L, B days: Last names M-Z).

MONDAY
Group A: in-person
Group B: e-learning
Group B: in-person

SCENARIO 3: MODIFIED WEEK WITH TWO GROUPS OF IN-PERSON LEARNING (50% OF STUDENTS PER GROUP)

(All Schools): Students attend on a modified schedule designed to reduce class sizes. (A days: Last names A-L, B days: Last names M-Z).

MONDAY
Group A: in-person
Group B: e-learning
Group B: in-person

SCENARIO 4: E-LEARNING ONLY, NO IN-PERSON LEARNING

Teachers will be using the Google Classroom learning management system to support classroom content, organization, and student intervention. An all-virtual learning program may also include courses provided by external but NHSD approved online vendors.

MONDAY
e-learning
for all students

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY
e-learning
for all students

WEDNESDAY
e-learning
for all students

THURSDAY
e-learning
e-learning
for all students
for all students

Understanding and Recognizing COVID-19

Faculty and staff will be trained to recognize symptoms that may be associated with COVID-19. Training will include, but not be limited to, online modules provided by the Missouri United School Insurance Council. The CDC list of possible symptoms of COVID-19 can be found here.

Masks

- All students and staff have the option of wearing masks during the school day, but it is not a requirement.
- Homemade masks are acceptable. All masks must be in a clean, sanitary condition and must meet school dress code guidelines.
- Students may not share masks or provide masks to other students at school.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

- Students will be guided to wash their hands regularly each day.
- We will encourage staff and students to cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or their elbow. Used tissues should be thrown in the trash and hands washed immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at multiple locations throughout buildings.

Drinking Fountains

- Bottle filling stations are available throughout the buildings.
- Personal water bottles are encouraged to be brought from home and must be in clean and sanitary condition, follow school guidelines, and (at the elementary school) be labeled with the student's name.

Cleaning

Classrooms, cafeterias, and other common areas will be cleaned and disinfected regularly.

Vaccination for COVID-19

- The New Haven School District conducted two vaccination clinics for faculty/staff during the 2020-2021school year.
- The New Haven School District will engage with appropriate agencies to determine the availability and desirability of hosting vaccination clinics for students and will make a determination as conditions necessitate.

Testing

The New Haven School District conducts staff COVID-19 diagnostic or screening tests as testing supplies allow.

Attendance

Student absences due to positive COVID cases or close contacts will not be counted in the maximum district-allowed absences.

Screening

We have dedicated and driven students and staff at the NHSD. Because of this, we have a culture of working or going to school when sick. However, we need to encourage staff and students to stay home when sick. Parents and students, as well as staff members, are encouraged to self-screen for <u>potential COVID-19</u> <u>symptoms</u> before coming to school.

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Public Health Prevent. Promote. Protect. Staff/Student Name:					DOB:/ Date	e:_		Health	
Is the staff/student exhibiting any signs/symptoms noted below? I do not have any symptoms									
Fever		Yes		No	Cough (new onset or worsening of chronic cough)		Yes	☐ No	
Chills		Yes		No	Wheezing		Yes	☐ No	
Muscle aches (myalgia)		Yes		No	Shortness of breath (dyspnea)		Yes	☐ No	
Runny nose (rhinorrhea)		Yes		No	Nausea or vomiting		Yes	☐ No	
Sore Throat		Yes		No	Abdominal Pain		Yes	☐ No	
New olfactory and taste disorder(s)		Yes		No	Diarrhea (≥3 loose stools/24hr period)		Yes	☐ No	
Headache		Yes		No	Other, specify:		Yes	☐ No	
Fatigue		Yes		No					
If symptomatic, onset date (MM/D	D/YY	/YY):_		/	/ Unknown				
In the past 14 days, did the staff/student have any of the following exposures (check all that apply):									
Household contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case patient									
Community-associated contact with a lab-confirmed COVID-19 case patient									
List any pre-existing medical conditions:									

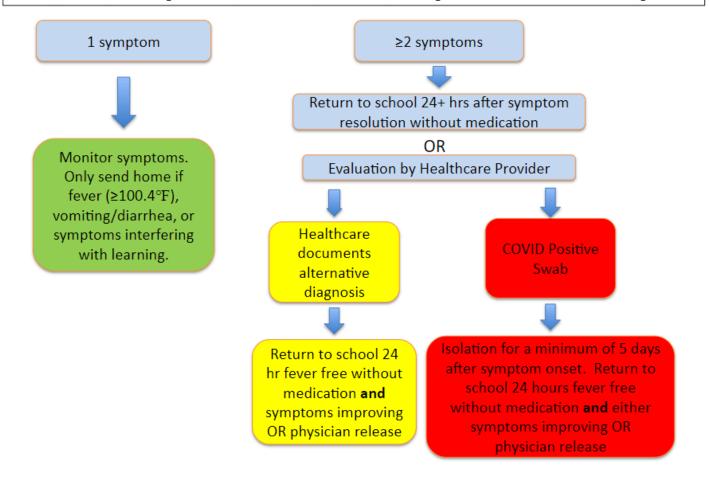
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When someone is identified with any symptoms listed in the health screening, the following actions will occur:

- Staff members at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the nurse/health aide. If evaluation by the nurse/health aide suggests the potential for COVID-19 infection, the staff member can be immediately tested.
- Students at school who display health symptoms that could suggest COVID-19 concerns will be checked by the nurse/health aide. If evaluation by the nurse/health aide suggests the potential for COVID-19 infection, the student will be isolated and masked (if appropriate for health) until picked up by a parent/guardian.
- The school nurse can test the symptomatic student, with parent permission, while supplies last.
- Students with a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home.
- Individuals will be advised to contact a healthcare provider if they exhibit symptoms or answered "Yes" to any screening question. The healthcare provider will be able to determine whether the symptoms are a result of COVID-19 infection or if there are other health issues.
- Students and staff members excluded from the school environment due to COVID-19 concerns may return to school in accordance with guidelines found below. Please understand that guidelines may change over time.

<u>School Nurse Algorithm</u>: Screen all students for potential to spread contagious illness:

Any **NEW** unexplained cough, difficulty breathing, loss of taste/smell, fever (≥100.4°F), congestion/runny nose, nausea/vomiting/diarrhea, sore throat, headache, or fatigue not related to a current diagnosis.



When a Case is Identified

- A dashboard can be found on the school website updating parents about the number of positive cases within our schools.
- Exclusion lengths
 - COVID Positive Student or Staff Member
 - May return after 5 days since symptoms first appeared if they are asymptomatic or their symptoms are resolving (without fever for 24 hours). Masks are recommended for positive students and staff for days 6-10.
 - Considerations: Policies 2860 and 4820, Statute 167.191, CDC Guidance
 - Asymptomatic Close Contacts
 - Remain at school unless parents choose a voluntary exclusion
 - Symptomatic Close Contacts
 - Stay home until asymptomatic or 10 days since symptoms first appeared (including 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications) and COVID symptoms are improving.
 - o Symptomatic Students and Staff not Identified as a Close Contact
 - Follow the Nurse's Algorithm

Transportation

 Parents/guardians are encouraged to transport their children instead of using district-provided bus service.

Daily Operations

- Upon arrival at school, students should remain in their vehicles until the school doors are open at 7:25
 a.m. at the HS/MS and 7:30 a.m. at the ES. Parents and students should not gather near the entry
 doors.
- Elementary parents picking up students at the end of the day will remain in their vehicles. Small groups of students will be sent to vehicles at one time.

Students with Disabilities

- The school district is working to ensure that our students have all of the learning supports they need to be successful whether they are receiving instruction in person or virtually. Related services, such as OT, PT, and speech/language will be offered in person. In the event of school closure, parents may choose to receive these services virtually.
- The school district will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies
- In the school setting, students will be able to go to their special education classroom for needed services and accommodations as well as for any related services.

Lunch

• All tables will be cleaned thoroughly between uses.

Social and Emotional Well-being

The New Haven School District will take the following steps to provide for the social, emotional, and mental health needs of students and staff during in-person instruction and during any interruptions of in-person instruction:

- Create and provide professional development for staff regarding typical childhood reactions to stress and trauma and how to talk to and support students during a pandemic.
- Collaborate with community agencies on best practices.
- Provide additional support to students in need.

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities

MSHSAA Resources

Review

The New Haven School District will collaborate with a committee of students, families, administrators, teachers, school staff and their unions to review this document at least twice per year.

Resources

- Centers for Disease Control: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
- Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education: https://dese.mo.gov/communications/coronavirus-covid-19-information
- MSBA Pandemic Response Planning Guidance: https://www.mosba.org/2020/04/05/msba-resources-forthe-covid-19-pandemic-2/
- Contact Tracing during Coronavirus Disease Outbreak, South Korea, 2020 https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/eid/article/26/10/20-1315 article
- Missouri State High School Activities Association: https://www.mshsaa.org/

^{*}Families and stakeholders who need this plan in other languages should contact the district office.