

# Hampton Borough Public School

## COVID Mitigation Procedures for 2021-2022 School Year\*

*Aligns to Board Policy 1648.11 and referenced as Appendices A-L*

*\*Subject to change by Directive of the Governor of the State of New Jersey or Directives from the NJDOE, NJDOH or Hunterdon County Health Department*

As per the Road Forward Document schools must plan to provide full-day, full-time, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year. The document is broken down into different sections from The Road Forward document. If a procedure or process is not listed below, it is understood that it has not changed from the start of the 2019 school year (pre-COVID-19). The district will respond to changing conditions and directives according to guidance received from the Departments of Health and NJDOE.

### 1. General Health and Safety Guidelines (Appendix A)

**1.1 Vaccination:** Schools are encouraged to have a system in place to determine the vaccination status of students and staff, however, if an LEA is unable to determine the vaccination status of individual students or staff, those individuals should be considered not fully vaccinated.

**Plan for Staff:** Staff will be asked to provide proof of vaccination to our school nurse at the beginning of the school year. At any point if a staff member becomes vaccinated, it is their responsibility to inform our school nurse and provide necessary documentation. If you do not provide proof of vaccination, you will be considered unvaccinated which may impact if you need to quarantine or not.

**Plan for Students:** Students will be required to demonstrate proof of vaccination in applicable situations such as quarantining.

### 1.2 Communication: (Appendix B)

**Plan:** The school district will be in close communication with the Department of Health in all things related to COVID-19. Relevant information will be sent to parties as needed. The main methods of communication will be phone, email, and text through our communication system.

### 1.3 Masks: (Appendix C)

**Plan:** As per Executive Order 521, masking is mandated in the indoor premises of all public, private, and parochial preschool, elementary, and secondary school buildings. Exceptions include the following: ● When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors; The definition of extreme heat for the school district is defined as a "heat index" or "real feel" of 90 degrees for at least one day. This excludes those students in air-conditioned spaces.

- When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face covering without assistance.
- When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Educational Plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, precludes use of a face covering.
- When the individual is under two (2) years of age.

- When an individual is engaged in an activity that cannot be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating and drinking or playing an instrument that would be obstructed by the face covering.
- When the individual is engaged in high-intensity aerobic or anaerobic activity.
- When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance from all other individuals.
- When wearing a face covering creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.

#### **1.4 Maintain Physical Distancing: (Appendix D)**

Physical distancing must not prevent the school from offering full-day, full-time, in person learning to all students for the 2021-2022 school year.

**Plan:** To maintain three-feet of distance between students and staff where possible. Students will move to different classes for special areas and if departmentalized. Seating charts shall be maintained for contact tracing purposes where feasible.

#### **1.5 Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette: (Appendix E)**

**Plan:** To educate students on the proper hand washing with soap and water (or hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available). Students and Staff will be reminded to frequently wash hands prior to moving to and from new locations.

#### **1.6 Meals: (Appendix F)**

**Plan:** Students will eat in the cafeteria and maintain physical distance when feasible during receiving meals on the line, eating, and cleaning up.

#### **1.7 Transportation (Appendix G)**

**Plan:** Masks must be worn at all times on transportation including school buses, regardless of vaccination status. This is a mandate from NJDOE, NJDOH, and CDC.

### **2 Cleaning, Disinfection, and Airflow: (Appendix H)**

#### **2.1 Limit Use of Shared Supplies and Equipment**

**Plan:** Students will use hand sanitizer or wash their hands with soap and water between equipment use and before traveling to/from other rooms.

#### **2.2 Cleaning and Disinfection**

**Plan:** All spaces will be cleaned and disinfected nightly with products certified to kill COVID19. Throughout the day high touch areas will be cleaned and disinfected as needed.

## 2.3 Improving Airflow

**Plan:** All spaces have either Unit Ventilators or windows to allow for fresh air circulation. Classes will be encouraged to work outside as much as possible.

## 3 Screening, Exclusion, and Response to Symptomatic Students and Staff: (Appendix I)

### 3.1 Parental Screening for Students

**Plan:** Families will be responsible for screening their children prior to school using the screening tool (Attachment A, herein contained) as a guide. Staff and visitors will utilize the Lobby Guard screening tool prior to entering the building. Students will **not** have their temperature taken prior to entering the building.

### 3.2 Response to Symptomatic Students and Staff

**Plan:** When students or staff show or have symptoms, the nurse will assess the student and follow the Department of Health guidelines. The nurse's station is equipped with isolation areas.

### 3.3 Exclusion

**Plan:** Students or staff should not come to school if they have:

1. at least **two** of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose **or**
2. at least **one** of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.

\*For students with chronic illness, only new symptoms or symptoms worse than baseline should be used to fulfill symptom-based exclusion criteria.

\*Regardless of vaccination status, if a student or staff experiences COVID-compatible symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and tested for SARS-CoV-2.

**Plan:** If illness occurs in school the following steps will be taken:

1. School nurse will inquire about potential exposure.
2. School nurse and administration will follow the updated DOH guidelines for quarantining.

**Plan:** If students are required to quarantine, the district will provide a virtual option that is commensurate with in-person instruction.

- Accommodations will be made for the student(s) to be able to receive a mixture of live streamed instruction and independent assignments. Special area classes will be independent assignments during this time. There may be a 24 hour to 48 hour transitional period, prior to implementation of instruction. It is the parent's responsibility to pick up any school issued technology equipment when needed.

**Plan:** Exposed close contacts who are fully vaccinated and have no COVID-like symptoms

- Do not need to quarantine, be excluded from school, or be tested following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19.
- Should still monitor for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following an exposure.
- If they experience symptoms, they should isolate themselves from others, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, including SARS-CoV-2 testing and inform their health care provider of their vaccination status at the time of presentation to care.

#### **4 Contact Tracing: (Appendix J)**

**Plan:** The school district will work closely with the Department of Health to contact trace close contacts. A close contact is defined as being within 6 feet of someone with suspected or known COVID-19 for 15 or more minutes during a 24-hour period (even if masked).

#### **5. Testing: (Appendix K)**

**Plan:** All COVID-19 testing will be performed off-site by the individual's choice of health care provider, unless otherwise provided by the district.

#### **6. Travel: (Appendix L)**

**Plan:** New Jersey Residents Travel Link:

<https://covid19.nj.gov/faqs/nj-information/travel-and-transportation/are-there-travel-restrictions-to-orfrom-new-jersey>

**CDC** - Fully vaccinated travelers are less likely to get and spread SARS-CoV-2 and can now travel at low risk to themselves within the United States. International travelers need to pay close attention to the [situation at their international destinations](#) before traveling due to the spread of new variants and because the burden of COVID-19 varies globally.

[Wearing a mask over your nose and mouth is required](#) on planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and while indoors at U.S.

transportation hubs such as airports and stations. Travelers are not required to wear a mask in outdoor areas of a conveyance (like on open deck areas of a ferry or the uncovered top deck of a bus).

### **FULLY VACCINATED Domestic travel (within the United States or to a U.S. territory)**

- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get a SARS-CoV-2 viral test before or after domestic travel, unless testing is required by local, state, or territorial health authorities.
- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine following domestic travel.
- For more information, see [Domestic Travel During COVID-19](#).

### **For UNVACCINATED individuals - After you travel:**

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
- If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.
- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements.

### **International Travel:**

- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to get tested before leaving the United States unless required by their destination.
- Fully vaccinated air travelers coming to the United States from abroad, including U.S. citizens, are still [required](#) to have a negative SARS-CoV-2 viral test result or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 before they board a flight to the United States.
- International travelers arriving in the United States are still recommended to get a SARS-CoV-2 viral test 3-5 days after travel regardless of vaccination status.
- Fully vaccinated travelers do not need to self-quarantine in the United States following international travel.
- For more information, see [International Travel During COVID-19](#).

### **For UNVACCINATED individuals: Before you arrive in the United States:**

All air passengers coming to the United States, including U.S. citizens and fully vaccinated people, [are required](#) to have a negative COVID-19 viral test result no more than 3 days before travel or documentation of recovery from COVID-19 in the past 3 months before they board a flight to the United States.

### **After you travel:**

- Get tested with a [viral test](#) 3-5 days after travel AND stay home and self-quarantine for a full 7 days after travel.
- Even if you test negative, stay home and self-quarantine for the full 7 days.
- If your test is positive, [isolate](#) yourself to protect others from getting infected.

- If you don't get tested, stay home and self-quarantine for 10 days after travel.
- Avoid being around people who are at [increased risk for severe illness](#) for 14 days, whether you get tested or not.
- Self-monitor for COVID-19 symptoms; isolate and get tested if you develop symptoms.
- Follow all [state and local](#) recommendations or requirements.

**ATTACHMENT A**

**New Jersey Department of Health  
COVID-19 Daily Screening for Students/Staff**

Parents/Guardians: Please complete this short check each morning before sending your child to school. **You do not have to physically fill out the form.**

**Section 1: Symptoms**

Any of the symptoms below could indicate a COVID-19 infection in children and may put your child at risk for spreading illness to others. Please note that this list does not include all possible symptoms and children with COVID-19 may experience any, all, or none of these symptoms. Please check your child daily for these symptoms:

**Column A**

	Fever (measured or subjective)
	Chills
	Rigors (shivers)
	Myalgia (Muscle Aches)
	Headache
	Sore Throat
	Nausea or Vomiting
	Diarrhea
	Fatigue
	Congestion or runny nose

**Column B**

	Cough
	Shortness of Breath
	Difficulty Breathing
	New loss of smell
	New loss of taste

If **TWO OR MORE** of the fields in Column A are checked off **OR AT LEAST ONE** field in column B is checked off, please keep your child home and notify the school for further instructions.

**Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure Please verify if:**

	Your child has had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for 15 cumulative minutes over 24 hours) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
	Someone in your household is diagnosed with COVID-19

	Your child has traveled to an area of high community transmission
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If ANY of the fields in Section 2 are checked off, your child should remain home for 14 days from the last date of exposure (if your child is a close contact of a confirmed COVID-19 case) or date of return to New Jersey. \*this form is taken directly from the New Jersey Department of Health.