

NEWMEADOW - CLIFTON PARK
2021-2022 Zones for the Prevention of COVID-19 Plan
(a tiered approach)

As we plan for a full in-person return to school we would like to share with you our 2021-2022 Zones for the Prevention of Covid-19 Plan. This is a tiered plan to help establish a balance between the health and safety of our staff and students while prioritizing full in-person learning. The health and safety of our students and staff are our top priority.

In an effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, Newmeadow will use the tiered plan to designate zones based on the transmission rates for Saratoga County and within our school. This plan allows for a smooth and quick transition between zones. This plan is fluid and reviewed frequently to ensure we are up-to-date with the most current guidance.

Information regarding the designated zone will be posted at the top of our website. Families and staff will be notified via the electronic messaging system.

Mitigation Protocol <i>*Transmission rate based on CDC protocols and county DOH data tracking"</i>		High Community Transmission (Red Zone)	Substantial Community Transmission (Orange Zone)	Moderate Community Transmission (Yellow Zone)	Low Community Transmission (Blue Zone)
1	COVID-19 Vaccines	Strongly recommended for all eligible individuals age 5+	Strongly recommended for all eligible individuals age 5+	Strongly recommended for all eligible individuals age 5+	Strongly recommended for all eligible individuals age 5+
2	Social/Physical Distancing (indoors)	3 feet distancing required wherever feasible	3 feet distancing required wherever feasible	3 feet distancing recommended wherever feasible	3 feet distancing encouraged
3	Facemasks (indoors) <i>Anyone can wear a mask at any time. No one shall be bullied, harassed, or discouraged from wearing a mask. School will have extra face masks on hand.</i>	Required by all when indoors (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels) <u>OR</u> Pursuant to applicable Guidance (NYS DOH, OCFS, SED, etc.)	Required by all when indoors (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels) <u>OR</u> Pursuant to applicable Guidance (NYS DOH, OCFS, SED, etc.)	Recommended for all when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels) <u>OR</u> Pursuant to applicable Guidance (NYS DOH, OCFS, SED, etc.)	Encouraged for all when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels) <u>OR</u> Pursuant to applicable Guidance (NYS DOH, OCFS, SED, etc.)

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4	<p>Facemasks (outdoors)</p> <p><i>Anyone can wear a mask at any time. No one shall be bullied or discouraged from wearing a mask.</i></p>	<p>Encouraged for all in crowded settings when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels)</p> <p>Unvaccinated should wear mask in crowded settings</p>	<p>Encouraged when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels)</p> <p>Unvaccinated should wear mask in crowded settings</p>	<p>Encouraged when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels)</p> <p>Unvaccinated should wear mask in crowded settings</p>	<p>Encouraged when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met (Students - to the extent possible given tolerance, age, and developmental levels)</p>
5	<p>Health Screening</p> <p><i>Daily Health Screening Questionnaires and temperature scans are not required at this time.</i></p>	<p>Parents and staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily.</p> <p>No reporting to school required.</p>	<p>Parents and staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily.</p> <p>No reporting to school required.</p>	<p>Parents and staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily.</p> <p>No reporting to school required.</p>	<p>Parents and staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily.</p> <p>No reporting to school required.</p>
6	<p>Handwashing/Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette</p>	<p>Strongly encouraged and expected.</p>	<p>Strongly encouraged and expected.</p>	<p>Strongly encouraged and expected.</p>	<p>Strongly encouraged and expected.</p>
7	<p>Cleaning and Disinfection</p>	<p>Daily routine cleaning; Enhanced disinfection for moderate and high-touch surfaces.</p>	<p>Daily routine cleaning; Enhanced disinfection for moderate and high-touch surfaces.</p>	<p>Daily routine cleaning; Enhanced disinfection for moderate and high-touch surfaces</p>	<p>Daily routine cleaning.</p>
8	<p>Ventilation and Air Quality</p>	<p>Quarterly filter changes (MERV-13 filters); Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows)</p>	<p>Quarterly filter changes (MERV-13 filters); Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows)</p>	<p>Quarterly filter changes (MERV-13 filters); Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows)</p>	<p>Quarterly filter changes (MERV-13 filters); Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows)</p>

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9	<p>Exposures and Positive Cases</p> <p><i>We will work with the local DOH and follow suggested guidance at time of exposure or testing positive.</i></p>	<p>Unvaccinated will isolate and quarantine pursuant to applicable guidelines;</p> <p>Vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to be quarantined;</p> <p>Confirmed positive COVID-19 test (viral test) within the past 90 days and asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated will isolate and quarantine pursuant to applicable guidelines;</p> <p>Vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to be quarantined;</p> <p>Confirmed positive COVID-19 test (viral test) within the past 90 days and asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated will isolate and quarantine pursuant to applicable guidelines;</p> <p>Vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to be quarantined;</p> <p>Confirmed positive COVID-19 test (viral test) within the past 90 days and asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.</p>	<p>Unvaccinated will isolate and quarantine pursuant to applicable guidelines;</p> <p>Vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to be quarantined;</p> <p>Confirmed positive COVID-19 test (viral test) within the past 90 days and asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.</p>
10	<p>Staying home when sick (staff and students)</p>	<p>All students and staff instructed to stay home when any signs of infectious illness are present.</p>	<p>All students and staff instructed to stay home when any signs of infectious illness are present.</p>	<p>All students and staff instructed to stay home when any signs of infectious illness are present.</p>	<p>All students and staff instructed to stay home when any signs of infectious illness are present.</p>
11	<p>Return to School Protocols (following illness or negative COVID test)</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>
12	<p>Return to work protocols (following illness or negative COVID test)</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>	<p>Public health requirements for isolation/quarantine; Negative COVID test results; OR Physician note as applicable.</p>

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13	Playground	Masks encouraged for all in crowded settings when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met; Cohorting whenever feasible; Unvaccinated should wear masks in crowded settings if less than 3 feet.	Masks encouraged for all in crowded settings when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met; Cohorting whenever feasible; Unvaccinated should wear masks in crowded settings if less than 3 feet.	3 feet distancing encouraged ; Masks encouraged ; Cohorting whenever feasible.	3 feet distancing encouraged ; Masks encouraged ; Cohorting whenever feasible.
14	Lunch/Snack	3 feet distancing required; Masks required when not eating; Proper hand hygiene before eating.	3 feet distancing required; Masks required when not eating; Proper hand hygiene before eating.	3 feet distancing required; Masks recommended when 3 feet cannot be met and not eating; Proper hand hygiene before eating.	3 feet distancing required; Masks encouraged when 3 feet cannot be met and not eating; Proper hand hygiene before eating.
15	Transportation <i>Students are required to wear</i>	Masks required.	Masks required.	Masks required.	Masks required.
16	School visitors	By appointment only; Masks required at all time within school building.	By appointment only; Masks required at all time within school building.	By appointment only; Masks required at all time within school building.	By appointment only; Masks required at all time within school building.
17	Monitoring community and school-based transmission	Ongoing: County level transmission; school building level;	Ongoing: County level transmission; school building level;	Ongoing: County level transmission; school building level;	Ongoing: County level transmission; school building level;
18	Remote Learning (Full in-person with these exceptions)	ONLY when there is a class wide mandatory quarantine; Documented medical circumstances as related to COVID (immunocompromised)	ONLY when there is a class wide mandatory quarantine; Documented medical circumstances as related to COVID (immunocompromised)	ONLY when there is a class wide mandatory quarantine; Documented medical circumstances as related to COVID (immunocompromised)	ONLY when there is a class wide mandatory quarantine; Documented medical circumstances as related to COVID (immunocompromised)

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18	Safety Drills	Modified to maintain social distancing	Modified to maintain social distancing	Traditional alarm-activated safety drills modified to maintain social distancing	Traditional alarm-activated safety drills
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GUIDANCE: *This is a fluid document and subject to change as we receive updated guidance. The most current version will be posted on our website.*

The Center for Disease Control

The American Academy of Pediatrics

The NYS Department of Health

The Office of Child and Family Services

The Saratoga County Department of Health

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