

COVID-19 Updates 2021-2022

Learning Models: All students will be in-person, full time, five days a week this fall. Remote learning and Hybrid modes will be eliminated as a standard learning model.

Masking: All students (Grades PK-12), staff, and visitors will be required to wear masks/face coverings while in the school building, on the school bus, and in the health office except for those with documented reasons. Individuals may be excused from the requirement for the following list of reasons, per CDC guidance: The individual:

- Has trouble breathing;
- Is unconscious;
- Is incapacitated;
- Cannot remove the mask or face covering without assistance. In addition, masks or face coverings will not be required for anyone who has a medical, behavioral or other challenge making it unsafe to wear a face mask or face covering. A written note from a physician is required for a requested exemption. Parents may not excuse their child from the face mask requirement by signing a waiver.

Exceptions to this policy under certain circumstances, such as for students with medical, developmental, or other challenges who are unable to wear masks, must be approved by the building principal in consultation with the school nurse or local Board of Health. Face shields or physical barriers may provide an alternative in some instances.

Distancing: Physical distancing of 3 feet between students will be maintained while in the school building whenever possible, including classrooms and the cafeteria.

Resources:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

<https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/clinical-guidance/covid-19-planning-considerations-return-to-in-person-education-in-schools/>

<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/massachusetts-covid-19-vaccination-data-and-update-s#weekly-covid-19-municipality-vaccination-data->

<https://www.doe.mass.edu/covid19/on-desktop/2021-0730fall-2021-covid19-guidance.pdf>

<https://www.nasn.org/blogs/eva-wang/2021/07/21/nasn-statement-on-schools-providing-in-person-lear>