

Attica Central School District

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Attica Central School District Family Members:

The District will continue to prioritize the health and safety of all its family members, and the preservation of in-person instruction during the 2021 – 22 school year. The following protocols have been developed in consultation with the Wyoming County Department of Health (WCDOH). **Mandates, regulatory changes, data, and experiences may result in modifications to protocols.**

COVID-19 Vaccination

The District will continue to support students, staff, faculty and administration who are interested in obtaining COVID-19 vaccines. Information regarding COVID-19 vaccines may be found at:

- CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/index.html>
- New York State: <https://covid19vaccine.health.ny.gov/>
- Wyoming County: <https://www.wyomingco.net/595/COVID-19>

At this time, the District WILL NOT mandate COVID-19 vaccines for its students, staff, faculty and administration.

Screening

Parents/guardians will be responsible for screening their students for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to boarding District transportation or entering District facilities. Employees and visitors are responsible for monitoring themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to entering District facilities.

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- A temperature greater than or equal to 100.0° F (37.8° C)
- Feel feverish or have chills
- Cough
- Loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue/feeling of tiredness
- Sore throat
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle pain or body aches
- Headaches
- Nasal congestion/ runny nose

Individuals will consult their healthcare providers prior to returning to school.

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Contact Tracing and Quarantine

The District will support the WCDOH's COVID-19 spread mitigation efforts by implementing the following contact tracing and quarantine protocols:

- A **close contact** is an individual who was within six (6) feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of fifteen (15) minutes or more over a twenty-four (24)-hour period.
- Contact tracing will include the forty-eight (48)-hour period prior to the onset of symptoms of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual or date of the confirmed COVID-19 positive individual's test if asymptomatic.
- **Close contacts** will be quarantined per the WCDOH's direction.
- An individual will be excluded from the quarantine requirement if:
 - o both the infected individual and **close contact** individual correctly and consistently wore well-fitting face coverings the entire time of the **close contact**.
 - o he/she is fully vaccinated and asymptomatic.
 - The District must have documentation of vaccination on file prior to the initiation of a contact trace for an individual to be excluded from the quarantine requirement.
 - o he/she was previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last ninety (90) days.

Physical Distancing

The District will adhere to the CDC's recommendation of three (3) feet of physical distance within classrooms to reduce transmission risk. Individuals will be physically distanced when eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument.

Face Coverings

On August 27, 2021, Dr. Howard Zucker (New York State Department of Health Commissioner) made the following determination pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.61:

“Universal masking of teachers, staff, students, and visitors to P-12 schools over age two and able to medically tolerate a face covering/mask and regardless of vaccination status, is required until this determination is modified or rescinded.”

Transportation

The following protocols have been developed in consultation with our transportation companies:

- Capacity on District transportation will return to loading limits as prescribed by the sizes and types of the New York State Department of Transportation defined motor vehicles transporting school-age passengers to and from schools.

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- Face coverings are required for ALL individuals riding District transportation. This is congruent with current public transportation procedures.
- Parents/guardians may elect to transport their students to and from school.

Food Service

Students will eat their meals in the District's cafeterias during their prescribed lunch times to the greatest extent practicable. Individuals will be physically distanced when eating, and drinking. If the cafeterias reach capacity per the aforementioned distancing protocols, the District will establish alternative, physically-distanced locations for food service.

Instruction

The District is committed to the safe return of ALL its students to in-person instruction. Federal and state governments and agencies have committed significant resources to sustain in-person learning. The District will proceed with its in-person instructional model for ALL its students for the 2021 – 22 school year.

Extra-curricular Activities

The District is planning for ALL extra-curricular activities for the 2021 – 22 school year. The aforementioned section on 'Face Coverings' will apply to ALL District-sponsored activities and events occurring in District facilities. Current building codes and Commissioner's regulations will govern capacity limits for facilities and events.

The District is in constant contact with the WCDOH and regional school districts. Circumstances may necessitate adjustment to the aforementioned protocols.

We are excited to be welcoming back all our students and look forward to the 2021-22 school year.

Sincerely,



Bryce Thompson
Superintendent of Schools

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