

Mitigation Strategies

Updated March 8, 2022

<u>Mitigation Strategy</u>	<u>Update</u>
I. Health Screenings	<p>Students (parents/caregivers) and staff members do not have to complete the COVID-19 Self- Screening Tool for School Attendance daily to check for symptoms of COVID-19 prior to boarding a school bus or entering a school building.</p> <p>We still expect any person showing symptoms or who is ill to not attend school. Staff members and students who are identified as COVID-19 positive must use home isolation/quarantine until they meet criteria for returning to school.</p>
II. Masks / Face Coverings	<p>Per the School Committee's decision on March 7, 2022, masks / face coverings are no longer required but optional in school, on the bus and during after school activities.</p>
III. Hand Hygiene	<p>As was the case prior to COVID-19, Students and staff will be encouraged to exercise hygienic hand washing or hand sanitizing throughout the day,</p>
IV. Physical Distancing	<p>Per the Sanford School Committee's decision on March 7th, there are no longer any recommended physical distances between students and adults in classrooms and other learning spaces.</p>
V. Pool Testing	<p>Weekly pool testing will continue to be optional and offered for anyone who is interested.</p>
VI. Isolation	<p>All students or staff who test positive for COVID-19 shall isolate until they meet the U.S. CDC criteria for release from isolation, regardless</p>

	of vaccination status.
VII. Quarantine	<p>Positive COVID tests will still require a five (5) day quarantine from the date of symptom onset or from the date of the positive test if no symptoms.</p> <p>Masking will be required for an additional five days after a release from quarantine and a return to school (days 6-10).</p>
VIII. Contact Tracing	Contact tracing had been previously discontinued and will no longer take place.
IX. Ventilation	The Sanford School Department will continue with preventive maintenance required for our ventilation systems as well as regular replacement of air filters in the mechanical systems of all schools.
X. Transportation	Per the School Committee's decision on March 7, 2022, masks / face coverings are no longer required but optional on the bus and during after school activities.
XI. School Nutrition	There will no physical distance requirements in the cafeteria for breakfast or lunch. Students will still have the option to sit by themselves if they are more comfortable.
XII. Cleaning	Custodians will continue their normal cleaning procedures. Faculty and staff will no longer be expected to clean classrooms and offices.
XIII. Volunteers and Visitors	Volunteers and visitors will be allowed back in our schools.
XIV. Athletics and Extra-curricular Activities	The Sanford School Department will resume all activities and follow any required protocols for safe operation of extracurricular activities and athletics for all students.
XV. Plexiglass	The plan is for COVID plexiglass to be removed. The Sanford School Department will start with the plexiglass / dividers in the cafeterias and will move on to other areas

	based on the capacity of the maintenance department.
Other Recommendations:	Staying home when you are sick - Students, teachers, and staff who have symptoms of infectious illness, such as influenza (flu) or COVID-19, should stay home and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care. Staying home when sick is essential to keep infections out of schools and to prevent spread to others.