

## New Fairfield Public Schools Opening Plan 2022-23



Based on updated [guidance](#) from the CT Department of Public Health (DPH) that was released this summer, the NFPS COVID-19 Health and Safety Strategies have been refined from last year with the goal of continuing to maximize in-person learning. These strategies apply to students and staff regardless of vaccination status. If you have any questions about these protocols, please contact the school nurse or administration.

### **CHILDREN and STAFF Experiencing COVID-19 Symptoms**

- Test for COVID-19: If the test is **NEGATIVE**, you may return to school so long as you are fever free (<100°F) for 24 hours and your symptoms are mild. A second test is encouraged in 48 hours if symptoms persist.
- Individuals with mild respiratory symptoms are encouraged to wear a mask.

\*Home test kits are available at our schools for students and staff, upon request.

### **CHILDREN and STAFF Who Test Positive for COVID-19**

- Isolate at home for 5 days and inform the school nurse.
- All individuals, **regardless of vaccination status**, who test **POSITIVE** for COVID-19 will be able to return to school on the 6th day following the test, provided they are fever free for 24 hours, without medication, and their symptoms have significantly improved.
- Upon return, it is recommended to wear a mask for 5 additional days.

\*The district will not be providing remote learning for students at home with a positive case of COVID-19, regardless of symptoms.

### **CHILDREN and STAFF Exposed to Someone with COVID-19 (regardless of vaccination status)**

- If you do not have symptoms:
  - You may return to school, **AND**
  - Test on day 5 after exposure or sooner if symptoms begin.
  - You are encouraged to wear a mask when around other people while indoors for 10 days, **AND**
  - Monitor your symptoms for 10 days.

### **Additional Strategies**

- Mask wearing will continue to be optional for students and staff.
- Hand washing will be strongly encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available.
- All those who are eligible and have not yet been vaccinated are encouraged to do so.
- The NFPS works in close consultation with the New Fairfield Health Department and follows guidance from the CT DPH, Connecticut State Department of Education and the CDC.