

Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies

Exeter-West Greenwich Regional School District

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Checklist	Policy
1. What kind of symptom screening will your LEA/school conduct for students, teachers, and staff and how will you implement it?	Screening requirements have been shared with staff and families through the Superintendent updates (see link below). We operate almost entirely on an honor system (which has been reasonably effective), with classroom teachers and school-nurse teachers monitoring for and responding to symptoms as required and as outlined in the posted guidance.
2. Has your LEA/school integrated these isolation protocols into illness policies?	Not formally. Required isolation and quarantine student absences are recorded as medical/excused and noted in the child's record. All prior memoranda of agreement between the district and staff have expired. Any absences require the use of sick time as allowable through the collective bargaining agreements. Documented COVID-related absences shall not be used by the district to make a case for attendance violations/abuse.
3. What quarantine protocols will your LEA/school plan to implement for people who are not up to date with their vaccines/not exempt from quarantine for other reasons?	The district will adhere to all CDC/RIDOH recommended quarantine protocols, as has been the case since the start of the pandemic/pandemic response.
4. Which strategies will your LEA/school have in their testing program?	During periods of higher positivity/community levels, the district will reinstitute voluntary surveillance testing (as previously in place). The testing program is completely run by our School Nurse Teacher team.
5. Which strategies for masks/face coverings will your LEA/school have in their policies?	See link to school committee policy 8711 below.
6. How will your LEA/school optimize ventilation?	HEPA air filtration units were added to every classroom early in our pandemic response. Replacement filters have been ordered and are in stock for use as needed. The HVAC system at the Junior-Senior High School has been completely replaced, and meets the highest standard of air purification as defined by RIDOH.
7. What physical distancing measures will your LEA/school plan to use? Note: This is recommended at high community levels.	At high community levels, the school district will follow all CDC guidelines for student podding and social distancing in classrooms, common areas, and school buses (as was previously in place).
8. LEA/School will utilize CDC guidance for cleaning, disinfection, and hand hygiene guidance.	These procedures have been in place since the onset of the pandemic. See summary list to the right.
9. LEA/School will promote COVID-19 vaccination to school community, including teachers, staff, household members, and eligible students.	Confirmed. See Superintendent updates (link below).
10. LEA/School will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.	Confirmed. Accommodations determined on a case by case basis as indicated by the specific needs of the individual child. The School Nurse Teacher, parent, and appropriate school personnel collaborate on accommodation plans.
11. LEA/School will revise/continue to follow sick policies aligned with current guidance, and communicate it to staff, students, and families.	Superintendent communications. This has been our standard operating procedure since the start of the pandemic/pandemic response. All communications are archived at https://www.ewgrsd.org/page/covid-19 (active link below)
12. LEA/School will communicate information to staff, students, and families in their preferred language or easiest mode of communication.	Confirmed. Communications are available in Spanish as needed.
13. Please include URLs to external documents or school policies, as applicable.	https://www.ewgrsd.org/page/covid-19
Face mask/face coverings policy (See #8711)	https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/0B-xmtDtgC71UHBaRElybXNJTDQ?resourcekey=0-gFmniEdbGVX4Q4WHR-AIPQ
<p><u>Guidance on handwashing can be found here.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · Cleaning staff will clean and disinfect all areas (e.g., offices, bathrooms, Classrooms and common areas), focusing especially on frequently touched surfaces. · High touch area cleaning includes tables, doorknobs, light switches, countertops, handles, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets, faucets and sinks, and touch screens · If surfaces are dirty, they should be cleaned using a detergent or soap and water prior to disinfection. · Restrooms will have a total cleaning once per day but cleaned after each use during school day. · Staff rooms, conference rooms and lunch rooms will be cleaned between each use. · All classrooms and common areas cleaned nightly. · Close off areas used by the individuals with COVID-19 and wait as long as practical before beginning cleaning and disinfection to minimize potential for exposure to respiratory droplets. Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area. If possible, wait up to 24 hours before beginning cleaning and disinfection. All buildings will be cleaned a minimum of once per day. 	