

ESD Expectations for Return to School

Introduction:

We have created this plan to aid in navigating the reestablishment of our school where employees, students, and families feel safe and to reduce the impact of COVID-19 conditions upon returning to the district by reducing student transitions, keeping groups as small as possible, and increasing cleaning protocols as well as expectations for good health practices. The guidelines referenced in this plan are based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and Maine Department of Education (MDOE). Regular updates will be made to this plan based on information provided by the CDC, MDOE, and applicable federal, state and local agencies.

Our goal is to prioritize the well being and safety of our students and staff, while providing an effective in-person educational experience.

Health/Safety Protocols:

- Students and staff will be required to wear face coverings throughout the day, as well as on the bus.
 - If you are unable to provide a face covering for your child, please let us know as soon as possible.
 - If your child forgets their face covering, we will provide them with one.
 - Face coverings may be removed when eating or drinking.
 - Students who do not comply with wearing a face covering will be sent home until they are willing to comply.
 - There will be face mask breaks throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each classroom as well as throughout the building.
- Student desks and shared materials will be sanitized throughout the day.
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing will be modeled and encouraged.
- Staff, students and families will need to complete a COVID-19 daily self screening BEFORE coming to school. Please see attached screening tool.
- Students and staff exhibiting symptoms will report to the nurse's office and will be isolated in a designated area. They will wear a face covering until leaving the building and parents will be notified.
- **If any student is sent home with COVID-19 symptoms they may return to school after proof of clearance from a doctor is provided.**

Transportation:

If you are transporting your own child(ren), please follow these instructions for drop-off/pick-up:

- **EES:**
 - Please enter on Bangor Rd. and move in a counterclockwise direction around the parking lot (passenger side of your vehicle will be on the school side). Please exit on to Bangor Rd. - see attached "EES Traffic Pattern" map.
 - We will begin dismissing private riders at 2:35, please line up in your vehicle following the traffic pattern and your child will be dismissed to you.
 - We will begin dismissing buses at 2:45 and will dismiss students by bus.
 - If you are sending someone else to pick-up your child, please make the office aware. If the pick-up person is not on your list of emergency contacts, they will be asked to pull over from the line while we contact you to verify.
 - Please note that the driveway between the two buildings will be closed to traffic during pick-up/drop-off times. If you need to go to the Jr./Sr. High, you will need to exit to Bangor Rd. and drive to the Jr./Sr. High via Center Rd.
 - To help ensure physical distancing, we are asking that parents not accompany their children into the building.
- **Jr./Sr. High:**
 - Students will remain in their period 8 class until dismissal.
 - Student drivers or parent pick-up will be dismissed at 2:45.
 - Bus students will be dismissed at 2:51.

Transitions:

- **EES:**
 - There are designated traffic patterns identified throughout the building.
 - Teachers will rotate to the different classrooms.
- **Jr./Sr. High:**
 - Grades 7, 9, and 11 will transition in the hallways together, followed by grades 8,10, and 12. Classes will line up properly distanced outside their next classrooms prior to entering.
 - Lockers will be assigned and staggered.
 - Lockers will go grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and so on. This will help give distance in between during transition times.

Bathrooms:

- **EES:**
 - K-2 students have access to bathrooms and sinks in the classroom.
 - 3-6 students will be allowed to use the restroom using a pass system and using the restrooms in their designated wing of the building. Hand washing/sanitizing signs will be displayed.
- **Jr./Sr. High:**

- Students will be allowed to use the bathroom when needed.
- Students will be encouraged to keep their distance and to leave if too many students are in the bathroom.

Classroom Procedures/Policies:

- **EES and Jr./Sr. High:**

- There is 3-6 ft. distance between desks, depending on what level of risk we have been assigned.
- All desks are facing in one direction.
- Teachers need to be mindful regarding group work and shared materials.
- Teachers will be encouraged to utilize outside spaces whenever possible with prior approval from administration.

Lunch/Recess:

- **EES:**

- Students will eat lunch in classrooms - please note that refrigeration and/or use of a microwave will not be possible if you send your child with lunch from home.
- Recess will be staggered allowing for two classes to go out at a time. Older classes will be paired with younger classes to minimize the need to play on the same equipment. Students will hand sanitize on the way out of and on the way into the building.

- **Jr./Sr. High:**

- Grades 7 & 8 will eat in the cafeteria at EES.
- Grades 9-12 will eat in the gym/stage area and lunch will be delivered.
- No outside food deliveries will be allowed.
- Students will go outside after lunch, weather permitting.
- The gym will have two dumping/sanitizing stations.

Visitors:

In order to ensure physical distancing, we ask that anyone wishing to enter the building call the school to make an appointment.

At Home Health Screening Tool for Students

Parents/Guardians: Please review this screening tool **before** school **every morning** for each of your school-aged children. This tool is for your reference only, **do not** send it to school.

Is your child experiencing any of the following symptoms?

- Feeling unwell
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fever-like symptoms such as body aches, body chills and/or sweating
- Temperature over 100.4 degrees F or 38.0 degrees C
- Muscle Pain
- Headache
- Chills or repeated shaking from chills
- Runny nose/congestion
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea

If your child is experiencing any of the above listed symptoms, keep your child home from school and contact your medical provider for further instructions.

****If any of the above-listed symptoms are sudden or severe, seek immediate medical attention.****

Please indicate yes or no next to the following statements:	Yes	No
Has your child taken cough/cold medication and/or fever reducers such as Tylenol/ibuprofen today for the above listed symptoms?		
Has your child been tested for COVID-19 in the last 2 weeks?		
Has your child student had close contact* with someone with a <u>confirmed</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child had close contact* with someone with a <u>suspected</u> diagnosis of COVID-19 in the past 14 days?		
Has your child traveled by air or traveled out of state in the past 14 days? If yes, please contact the school before arriving on campus.		

*What counts as close contact?

- Your child was within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes
- Someone in your home is sick with COVID-19
- Your child had direct physical contact with the sick person (touched, hugged, or kissed them)
- Your child shared eating or drinking utensils with the sick person
- The sick person sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on your child

If you answered yes to any of the above questions, keep your child home from school. Contact your medical provider for further instructions.