

## **SUPPLEMENT TO ORLEANS/NIAGARA BOCES K-12 REOPENING PLAN**

This follows opportunities for community input, including but not limited to the June 23, 2021 public hearing held by the Orleans/Niagara Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES).

Protocols and procedures during the COVID-19 public health emergency shall be consistent with the guidance and directives from the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH), the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CSD), and the New York State Education Department (NYSED), including the guidance and directives contained at the following links, respectively.

[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/school-guidance\\_0.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/09/school-guidance_0.pdf)  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/2.60-determination-12.10.21.pdf>  
<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/updated-2.62-determination-12.8.21.pdf>  
[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/ttsandtoq\\_memo\\_for\\_lhds\\_12.3.21.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/12/ttsandtoq_memo_for_lhds_12.3.21.pdf)  
[https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/11/return\\_to\\_school\\_algorithm.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/11/return_to_school_algorithm.pdf)  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>  
<http://www.nysed.gov/coronavirus/guidance-p-12-schools>

### **Masks**

Consistent with guidance and directives from NYSDOH, all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors must wear masks at all times indoors and on school buses, regardless of vaccination status. However, people are not required to wear masks when eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument; when masks are removed for those purposes, individuals must be spaced at least six feet apart.

### **Physical Distancing**

NYSDOH guidance recommends that physical distancing be maintained to the extent practicable between individuals while in school facilities. To the extent practicable: A minimum of three (3) feet should be maintained between students; and a minimum of six (6) feet should be maintained between employees, and between students and employees. As indicated above, individuals must be spaced at least six (6) feet apart when masks are removed for purposes of eating, drinking, singing, or playing a wind instrument.

### **Return to School and Work for Persons Experiencing Symptoms of COVID-19**

Any student, teacher, or staff member with new or worsening symptoms of COVID-19 must remain away from BOCES and school premises, regardless of vaccination status, and either: (a) provide a negative COVID-19 laboratory test result that is based upon either a nucleic acid amplification test (known as NAAT, such as a polymerase chain reaction (or PCR) test) or an antigen test; or (b) remain away from BOCES and school premises for a minimum of ten (10) calendar days from symptom onset, prior to returning to BOCES or school. If symptoms are improving and the person is fever-free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medicines, then the individual may return to school or work at the BOCES with either a note from the healthcare provider indicating that the test was negative or a copy of the negative test result.

### **Conclusion**

The foregoing guidance, like any of our other guidance documents, may be revised or updated at any time.

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