

# Safe Return to School Plan 2021-2022



Dorchester Public School will again be open in the fall of 2021 for in-person teaching and learning. We will continue to work closely with Public Health Solutions and state officials in the event that an outbreak of Covid-19 occurs within our school district. We will utilize, only if needed, the protocols that were put in place from our [2020-2021 reopening plan](#).

## Wearing of Masks

Wearing of masks is recommended, but not required. If masks are worn, promote universal and correct wearing of masks.

## Modifying Facilities to Allow for Physical Distancing (e.g.: cohorts/podding)

Promote social distancing by students and staff as needed through local guidance.

## Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

Encourage and enable students and staff to frequently wash and sanitize hands. Promote appropriate coughing and sneezing etiquette.

## Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities (Including Improving Ventilation)

Utilize targeted enhanced cleaning protocols on high touch surfaces throughout the building and in school transportation vehicles.

### Contract Tracing (Isolation and Quarantine)

The district will utilize the contact tracing guidelines from both the CDC and Public Health Solutions.

### Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Continue to encourage students and staff to self screen daily. Anyone displaying signs of illness will need to stay home for up to 24 hours.

### Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to School Communities

Communicate information about the COVID-19 vaccine and promote local vaccination clinics in our region.

### Accommodations for Children with Disabilities

Students with special needs will have access to all safety protocols discussed above as well as safety measures agreed to in the IEP.

### Continuity of Services

In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak, regular communication, using all available modalities, with students and their families will be utilized to ensure safety, academic engagement, and wellness of all students. Breakfast and lunch may be provided to students through the USDA approved system. Mental health support will be available by appointment for any students or staff in need of assistance.