

Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES

2021-2022 School Opening Plan

Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES is excited to have our students back beginning September 8 for in-person instruction, 5 days per week! Our 2021-2022 school opening plan incorporates updated recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Education Department (SED) Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year. We will continue to monitor community transmission rates and the latest guidance and update our plan when necessary.

The following protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of our students, families and staff:

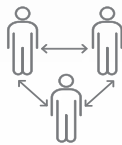
Masking

Universal indoor masking, including school transportation is required for all individuals including visitors in all BOCES-owned or leased buildings and classrooms, regardless of vaccination status. Masks can be removed only when eating or drinking provided individuals are physically distanced 6 feet apart. Masking is not required outdoors on BOCES-owned or leased property.



Physical Distancing

Individuals should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between one another to reduce the risk of transmission. There should be at least 6 feet of physical distance while eating or drinking when masks are not being worn.



Health Screening

Performing a daily screening each morning before school/work is required. All students and staff will complete a one-time electronic attestation affirming that they will complete the screening each day. Effective September 7, there is no longer a requirement to complete the daily electronic health screening attestation. Students and staff should stay home when ill.



Return to School

Anyone who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home or go home regardless of vaccination status and contact their health care provider. Symptomatic individuals cannot return to school without proof of a negative test, alternative diagnosis or release orders from their local health department. The Monroe County Department of Health has provided protocols to address COVID-19 instances including symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and quarantine. The protocols can be found [at this link](#).



Cleaning and Disinfecting

BOCES will continue to follow the rigorous protocols that include enhanced daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and offices using safe, OSHA-approved products. More information on cleaning and disinfection protocols is available [at this link](#).



Multi-layered Prevention Strategies

BOCES will continue to layer additional prevention strategies for added safety including PPE, proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and CDC-recommended ventilation practices to reduce the risk of transmission.



Social Emotional Well-Being

BOCES 2 will utilize a 3-tiered approach to supporting the social emotional needs of students that includes community resources for students and families. BOCES staff will have multiple professional development opportunities on how to talk to and support students. Trainings on stress management, self-care and resiliency will be provided for staff to enhance their ability to support each other and students.



Vaccinations

At this time there is not a mandate requiring students or staff be vaccinated. However, COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. In New York State, individuals 12 years and older are eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. BOCES 2 highly encourages eligible people to get vaccinated. COVID-19 vaccines are effective at protecting you from COVID-19.



[Click here for the full 2021-2022 School Year Health and Safety Plan.](#)

