



2021-2022 Reopening Plan

This plan is based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Department of Health (DOH) and the New York State Education Department (NYSED), and is subject to change if and when guidance and/or conditions change.

Instructional Program

- The Troy CSD will offer full in-person learning in all schools for students in Pre-K through grade 12.
- A full remote option will ONLY be made available to those students who present documentation of medical necessity. This option will be provided by BOCES, will require a one year commitment, and will not be delivered by a current Troy teacher. Parents needed to have notified the district through the survey.
- For students who are officially quarantined by the Department of Health, we will provide synchronous learning opportunities and meaningful contact with a certified teacher.
- The district will prioritize meeting the social-emotional needs of students and families as the school year begins and as students re-engage in full in-person learning.

Health and Safety

- Masks will be required to be worn by all individuals (students and staff) when indoors in all school buildings.
- Mask breaks with social distancing will be provided.
- Three feet of social distancing between students will be maintained when/where possible.
- Deep cleaning of all spaces will take place daily, and high touch surfaces will be cleaned periodically throughout the day.
- Students and staff will have access to hand sanitizer in their classrooms, in the cafeteria, and throughout the building.
- Signage will be displayed throughout the school and cafeteria promoting hand washing and using hand sanitizer.

School Lunch Program

- Meals for students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 1 will be served in the classroom.
- Meals for students in Grades 2 through 12 will be served in the cafeteria, and students will have assigned seating.
- Students will be allowed to remove masks once seated and begin eating. Students will be reminded to wear their masks when they are finished eating.
- Students will be reminded to follow all safety protocols while in the cafeteria, including not sharing food or drinks with anyone.

Transportation

- Buses will be at full capacity.
- Students and staff must wear masks at all times on school buses (e.g., entering, exiting, and while seated).
- Students will have assigned seating on the bus.
- Windows and roof hatches will be open when weather permits.
- All school buses will be cleaned and disinfected at least once a day. High contact surfaces will be wiped down after each bus run, including in between tiered runs that occur in the morning or afternoon.
- High School transportation will be primarily provided by a public service carrier (CDTA). CDTA will provide home-to-school service throughout the Troy CSD catchment area (with the exception of easternmost Route 7 and Route 2 in Brunswick due to lack of CDTA stops). Troy students will be required to wear face masks while on CDTA buses. CDTA health and safety protocols will be in place.

Testing Protocols/Contact Tracing

- All students showing any signs/symptoms of illness should be kept home from school.
- In the event that a student shows any signs/symptoms of illness while at school, the student will be sent to the nurse. The nurse will be able to administer COVID-19 Point-of-Care Testing on site. This will begin in early fall when testing equipment arrives from the DOH.
- Parent/guardian permission will be required for COVID-19 Point-of-Care Testing to occur.
- Results will be shared with families as soon as they become available. Students who test negative for COVID-19 will be allowed to return to school as soon as they are well enough to do so. All COVID-19 positive test results will be reported to the Rensselaer County DOH.
- Contact tracing and determinations about mandatory quarantine will be conducted and communicated to families under the direction of the Rensselaer County DOH.

Athletics, Extracurricular Activities and After-School Programs

- All athletics, extracurricular activities and after-school programs will resume.
- All students and school staff must wear masks at all times while indoors or on school buses and should maintain appropriate social distance to the extent practicable.
- All athletes who play high-risk sports will be tested for COVID-19 once per week. Parents/guardians of athletes playing high-risk sports must complete a testing consent form for students to be eligible to participate.

Visitors and Building Use Requests

- Visitors to buildings and volunteers will be welcome again in our schools. All visitors will need to successfully complete screening questions, and wear a mask in order to enter any school building.
- Building use requests must adhere to all safety protocols in place as outlined in this reopening plan.