

Chautauqua Lake Central School

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2021-2022

Please note that this is a working document. The District recognizes that the information surrounding COVID-19 is constantly evolving. Therefore we are prepared to make modifications to elements of our plan if it enhances the safety of our school community.

Instruction



Instruction will be given in a comprehensive, full in-person learning model. Teachers have been working hard over the summer to enhance instructional components and support services for students.



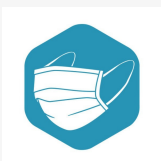
Students with a documented medical condition that would prohibit the safe return to in-person instruction will have a remote learning option through BOCES. This program is a year-long commitment. Parents must notify the school nurse at 753-5819 as soon as possible and provide medical documentation from their physician for review by our District's Medical Director.



Working with the CCDOH, the District will continually monitor risk factors and may make changes as appropriate.



Social Distancing & Mask Wearing



Masks must be worn in situations where individuals are less than six feet apart.

- Hallways
- Transportation
- Some classroom situations

A mask should be changed or cleaned daily. Masks are available at school offices. Masks should fit properly and be worn over the nose and mouth. Masks should have two or more layers.

Students are expected to maintain social distance as much as possible and utilize handwashing and sanitation stations. We have set up classrooms utilizing a six foot model to keep students socially distanced as much as possible. Individuals who are socially distanced at six feet or more will not need to quarantine per CDC and Chautauqua County DOH.

Transportation, Halls & Cafeteria



Masks are required on the bus. We may have two riders in a seat, but will be socially distanced as much as possible.*



In lunch, students will be seated six feet apart with some grade levels eating in alternate locations (not the gymnasium).



All students will need to walk on the right side of the hallway. Secondary students will carry backpacks; 3rd-6th grade students will stagger locker visits.

**Parents are encouraged to transport if possible.*

After School Study



After School Study/Help Lab will be available Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 3-4 p.m. with a late bus pass for students in grades 3-12. Please note 7th and 8th grade Help Lab is only available on Tuesdays and Thursdays. After-School Study will begin on Tuesday, September 21st.

Physical Education Classes



Swimming classes and locker room use will resume. Students must wear masks in the locker rooms and maintain distance while they use the facility.



Gym classes will use outdoor spaces as much as possible (weather permitting). The Fitness Center will be available for students on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays between 3-4 p.m.

Athletics



The New York State Public High School Athletic Association oversees all athletics. At this time, we are following its direction with allowing all eligible athletes to participate in sports.

Spectator information and schedules are available on our website.

Music, Manufacturing & CTE



Chorus and Band will maintain at least six feet of distance and will utilize masks and instrument-specific PPE as a multi-layered approach to reduce the transmission of COVID.



The BOCES Career and Technical Education (CTE) will provide full in-person learning. Our Manufacturing classes will continue to operate at full capacity. Specific information regarding PPE and equipment will be given by teachers in those programs.

Understanding COVID Symptoms and Quarantine

Health Screening



We will collect students' individual health screening forms daily at the bus stop or at arrival entrances.

Parents should continue to report symptoms and call the Health Office with questions.

People with COVID-19 have had a wide range of symptoms reported ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus. Anyone can have mild to severe symptoms. People with these symptoms may have COVID-19:

- Fever or chills

Cough

Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or body aches

Headache
- New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

What is a Close Contact?

Close contacts are individuals who are less than six feet away from an infected person for 10 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

However, students who are exposed to an infected person in the classroom are exempt from quarantine if:

- they are at least three feet away from the infected person AND are correctly and consistently wearing masks
- this exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting

Individuals who are fully vaccinated or who have had a COVID-19 infection within the last 90 days also do not need to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact and are not displaying symptoms.

Individuals who are socially distanced at six feet or more will not need to quarantine.

COVID Absences: Students cannot come to school if...

Student Has Symptoms of COVID

If determined by PCP to have a diagnosis other than COVID-19 follow normal school policies to return to school.

If a COVID test is negative and child has had no fever for at least 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medicine) and feels better follow normal school policies to return to school.

If no COVID test is done, child needs to stay home for 10 days since first symptom, no fever for 24 hours (without use of fever reducing medicine), and feels better and follow normal school policies to return to school.

TEST FOR COVID-19?: Consult Primary Care Provider. If testing is indicated, the child must isolate at home pending results which may take up to 7 days.



Testing Positive For COVID

If a student tests positive for COVID, they cannot go to school and must follow public health isolation order.*

Child remains home for 10 days since first positive COVID-19 test or symptom onset date. CHILD: 10 day quarantine. Repeat COVID testing is NOT needed in order to return to school.

HOUSEHOLD CONTACTS: 10 day quarantine from last date of exposure to case during infectious period.

Chautauqua Lake Health Office:
(716) 753-5819

Exposure to COVID as a Close Contact

Follow public health quarantine order. Child remains home for 10 days since exposure. Student cannot go to school.

Should you TEST FOR COVID-19? If no symptoms, testing is not required because it will not change the child's need to quarantine for 10 days. If you would like to pursue a test, contact your Primary Care Provider (PCP). Testing is recommended 3-5 days after potential exposure, regardless of having symptoms.

Individuals exposed to COVID-19 can end their quarantine after 10 days without a testing requirement as long as no symptoms have been reported during the quarantine period. After day 10 is reached, individuals must continue monitoring for symptoms through day 14 and if any develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact their local health department or their health care provider to report this change and determine if they should seek testing.

Quarantine & Temporary Remote Learning

Length of the quarantine period is determined by the Chautauqua County Department of Health. Length of quarantine is typically 10 days from the point of exposure.

Students placed on quarantine will have access to temporary remote learning, using our online learning platform (i.e. Google Classroom) and after-school Zoom tutoring with their Chautauqua Lake teachers. Every effort will be made to help students stay on track during their quarantine period.



Contact Tracing

We will initiate contact tracing when we are notified of COVID positive individuals in the school setting by the local department of health. We then interview potential close contacts based on discussions with the COVID positive individual, student rosters, and location information.

If we receive this information during school hours, we will place close contacts in the isolation room and inform parents of the status of their child and arrange transportation home if needed. Pick up will be at designated areas in the center parking lot area (same as last year).