

RETURN TO SCHOOL

SOUTH BRUNSWICK
SCHOOL DISTRICT

Public Presentation ~ August 26, 2021



“The Road Forward” provides guidance from both the NJDOE and NJDOH in order to provide full-day, full-time, in-person instruction and operations for the 2021-2022 school year. In “The Road Forward” the term, “practicable” is used often to refer to when something can be implemented and when it may not be able to be. The strict rule that must be followed is that we must operate on our traditional full day schedule, for all students in-person only. As a result of this directive, much of what we were able to implement last year when we had a small percentage of students in-person will not be able to be implemented when we have 100% of our students.

<https://www.nj.gov/education/roadforward/docs/HealthAndSafetyGuidanceSY2122.pdf>



US OR THEM?

STATE

- In-person mandate
- Mask Mandate
- Vaccination Mandates
- Travel Rules
- Quarantine Rules

LOCAL

- Implementation
- Enforcement
- Instructional Models

INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

IN-PERSON FOR ALL STUDENTS



MASKS

- **WHO PROVIDES?**

- Masks are to be provided from the home. We strongly suggest finding a mask that is as comfortable as possible for your child. Also, it will be important to provide extra masks in case a replacement is needed during the day.

- **BUS TRANSPORTATION**

- Masks **MUST** be worn at all times while on school buses. Students will need to be wearing a mask prior to boarding the bus in the morning.

- **INDOORS**

- Masks must be worn throughout the day while indoors except in certain situations:
 - When eating
 - When the teacher has determined that an activity will include intensive physical activity or where wearing a mask would be a health concern

- **OUTDOORS**

- Masks will be optional while students are outdoors.

- **MASK BREAKS**

- Different strategies for different levels.



VACCINATIONS - AS OF TODAY, AUGUST 26, 2021

ALL SCHOOL PERSONNEL

Are to either be fully vaccinated by October 18th or must undergo weekly Covid-19 testing.

STUDENTS 12 YEARS OLD AND UP

Vaccines are readily available and encouraged, however, there is no current mandate or requirement associated with the vaccination of students.

STUDENTS UNDER 12 YEARS OF AGE

There is currently no available vaccine for the Covid-19 virus.



QUARANTINE



COMPLEX RULES THAT CHANGE BASED UPON REGIONAL COVID DATA

Quarantine may be required for any of the following reasons:

- A positive Covid-19 test result - **10 Day Quarantine.**
- Exposure to a known positive person - **Up To 14 Days for unvaccinated and No Quarantine for vaccinated individuals.**
- Post Travel - Much more restrictive for unvaccinated, **No Quarantine for vaccinated.**
- Symptomatic with Covid-19 symptoms.

COVID-QUARANTINE INSTRUCTIONAL MODELS

- REMOTE - Synonymous with asynchronous instruction
- VIRTUAL - Synonymous with synchronous instruction

There are three COVID based exclusions for which virtual instruction is allowed:

1. A student is COVID positive.
2. A student is excluded as a close contact of a positive.
3. A student is excluded upon return from travel.

We plan to employ a mix of Remote and Virtual models depending on scenarios. **Please note that there is no scenario that resembles the last year virtual model. Exclusions are short term responses, not full program replacement.**

VACCINATED AND UNVACCINATED

VACCINATED

- **No Required Weekly Testing**
- **No Quarantine** When Exposed
- **No Quarantine** For Travel
- Quarantined When Positive
- Quarantined When Symptomatic After Exposure

UNVACCINATED

- **Required** Weekly Testing (Staff, Not Students)
- **Quarantine** When Exposed
- **Quarantining** Suggested For Certain Travel
- Quarantined When Positive



BREAKFAST, LUNCH & SNACK

- OUR BIGGEST CHALLENGE!
- **Unmasked when seated at the table and actively eating.** Otherwise masked in dining areas, classrooms and all indoor spaces.
- Snack time in the ES or MS may be staggered to honor social distancing whenever able.
- Social distancing will be employed as able. reduced seating at tables will be employed as able.
- School provided breakfast and basic lunch are free for all students for the 21-22 school year.
- Students in younger grades will have assigned seats at tables.
- High school is working on a plan where students check in to a location with qr codes.
- Recess for elementary students will still occur, however, it will occur at a different time than attached to the lunch block.



SCREENINGS AND DAILY CHECKS



DAILY SCREENERERS

- Parents are expected to assess the health of their child prior to sending them to school.
- Students who exhibit symptoms are required to stay home. Parents should contact the school nurse.



VISITORS

- Visitors will be limited and need an appointment. All visitors are under the same EO for wearing masks indoors.



VOLUNTEERS

- Volunteers who are in the building regularly will need to be vaccinated, or undergo weekly testing.

TRAVEL



Travel guidelines are always subject to change. The district follows domestic and international travel recommendations from the state located on the New Jersey Covid- 19 Information Hub. Any questions on travel should be addressed to your school principal.

- [**Please click here for information regarding quarantine rules and restrictions regarding domestic and international travel**](#)

GENERAL HEALTH AND SAFETY RELATED TO COVID

- **Social Distancing** will be employed as practicable. However, parents should know that social distancing in full schools is often not practicable and the strategies that were able to be employed last year with less students simply cannot be done with full classrooms and buildings.
- **HYGIENE** - Using regular and good hygiene is a key to our practice. Hand washing and hand sanitizing will be the norm in schools. We ask for parents to partner with us in educating their children on strong hygiene protocols inclusive of covering for sneezes and coughs, handwashing and avoiding sharing materials when possible.
- **CLEANING** - We will be maintaining enhanced cleaning protocols inclusive of daily and regular touch point sanitizing.
- **ENVIRONMENT** - I am happy to remind our community that the district is outfitted with ionic scrubbers within its HVAC equipment and meet or exceed all standards for Covid.



TRANSPORTATION

- **Masks must be worn** on school buses. If there is an exception for heat, it will be addressed on individual bus scenarios and decided upon by the school district, not the student.
- Social distancing will most likely **not be possible**. However, when possible, it will be implemented.
- There will be **assigned seats** on the buses for students in k-5.
- The middle & high school will work with the students in order to identify their seating arrangements.
- All drivers and paraprofessionals, whether district employed or contracted, fall under the same vaccine rules as per the governor's executive order.
- Buses will be cleaned and sanitized regularly.



EVENTS

BTSN

Will be virtual

FIELD TRIPS

Limited

CLUBS

Full swing



ATHLETICS

Traditional for now as per NJSIAA

P/T CONFERENCES

TBD

Public Comment

Questions, Comments from the
Community



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