



With an eye toward keeping our students and staff safe, and in an effort to return to pre-COVID routines as soon as possible, the following procedures are in place as of **3/14/22**. All procedures will be assessed periodically by the **Opening of Schools Task Force** comprised of parents, staff, teachers, administrators, and Board of Education members and adjusted as necessary. The district will:

- Maintain safety protocols established by the CDC, the Departments of Health of NYS and Nassau County, the Office of the Governor, the State of NY, and the County Executive of Nassau County.
- Maintain communication with all local and state authorities.
- Work in every way possible to mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

This document presents an overview of the District’s Opening of Schools Plan. The complete plan is posted on the district website at <https://www.seaford.k12.ny.us/>.

SEAFORD OPENING OF SCHOOLS 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR	
Communication/Family and Community Engagement	The district remains committed to providing open and transparent communication. This plan will be posted on our district website at https://www.seaford.k12.ny.us/ and will be updated throughout the school year, as necessary, to respond to local circumstances.
Delivery of Educational Services	The District will only offer in-person daily instruction. There will be no virtual instruction—with the exception of quarantining if requested.
Lockers & Bathrooms	Students will be given the opportunity to use their hallway, physical education and athletic lockers. The number of students in a bathroom at the same time will be monitored and regulated as usual.
Lunch	Cafeterias will be used for lunch. Specific procedures, seating, routines, and locations will be determined by each individual building.
Athletics, Clubs, and Extracurricular Activities	The district will provide the normal complement of athletics and extracurricular activities for students as long as no State or County Agency prohibits them.
Face Coverings	Masks are now optional.
Health Checks, Including Temperature Screening	Per current guidance, daily health checks and temperature screening are no longer required for students and staff.

Social Distancing	The CDC recommends reasonable social distancing when not wearing masks.
Transportation	Masks are currently optional for students and drivers. Buses continue to be sanitized after AM and PM runs. Windows are cracked open when the temperature is 45 degrees or above.
Health and Hygiene – General Procedures	The District will continue to employ all current deep cleaning protocols including the use of electrostatic disinfectant sprayers each evening. Custodians will continue to wipe all surfaces.
Quarantining	Quarantining is not required if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students are all wearing masks and maintain social distance of 3' (6' for adults). • Individuals are vaccinated. • Individuals had COVID within the last 90 days.
Procedures for Suspected or Confirmed Cases	The District will follow the procedures as outlined by Nassau County, NYS Department of Health and/or the NYS Education Department. For individuals who are exposed to someone with COVID-19: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All fully vaccinated individuals who have been exposed to a person with COVID-19 may continue to attend work or school, regardless of booster status. • Individuals who are unvaccinated and have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 should quarantine for at least 5 days (day 0 through day 5). The first day of contact is day 0. • If an individual is symptomatic that person should not return to school. This minimum period has been reduced from 10 days to 5 days. • for unvaccinated close contacts- it is strongly suggested to test at least twice within 5 days after last contact. • <u>Isolation:</u> All individuals (vaccinated and unvaccinated) who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to isolate for a minimum of 5 days (day 0 through day 5). • If symptoms persist, further isolation will be required; otherwise, students/staff may attend work or school after the 5-day isolation but must wear a mask for days 6-10.
School Closures	The District will continue to prepare for situations in which one or more school buildings need to close due to a significant number of students or staff testing positive for COVID-19, or if it is directed to do so because of a considerable regional increase in COVID-19 cases. The District will consult the Department of Health when making such decisions.
Arrival and Dismissal	Our goal is to provide safe and efficient access to our District's buildings and properties. Each school will have their own specific procedures for arrival and dismissal which will be communicated to students and parents.
Visitors to Schools	Only essential visitors, including parents/guardians, will be permitted into the school buildings.

Item Drop-Off Procedures	Procedures for the drop off of items during the school day will be limited and controlled.
Safety Drills	Conducting drills is an important part of keeping students and staff safe in an emergency; therefore, all state required drills will be conducted.