



**CAMBRIDGE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
 2021-2022 Reopening Plan  
 “Our Roadmap to Remain Open”

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We have learned a great many lessons over the past year and a half as it pertains to keeping our community safe during this COVID-19 Pandemic. It is through these experiences, and through state and national guidance that we present this plan for reopening this school year, and to remain open for full in-person instruction throughout the year as conditions allow. While we are focused on in-person instruction we will be prepared to transition to remote instruction should the need arise.

*Disclaimer: The district’s reopening plan/roadmap is a fluid document that is subject to change based on the recommendations from the Center for Disease Control, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the New York State Department of Education, the New York State & Washington County Departments of Health, the district’s Risk Management and Safety Specialist, and the district’s physician. Additionally, the district will be monitoring Washington County’s COVID-19 community transmission rate and how the transmission rate may impact the daily operational procedures. Transmission rates are measured by the CDC’s four-category system of low, moderate, substantial, and high. [Click here](#) for the CDC COVID-19 data tracker. You can find the seven-day rolling average of positive cases for Washington county by [clicking here](#). We will adjust our plans as conditions change.*

**Guidance:** The district’s reopening plan is based on the guidance from:

- [The Center for Disease Control \(CDC\)](#)
- [The American Academy of Pediatrics](#)
- [The New York State Department of Health \(NYSDOH\)](#)
- [The New York State Department of Education \(NYSED\)](#)
- [The Washington County Department of Health \(WCDOH\)](#)
- [Questar III Health & Safety Services](#)
- The district’s Medical Director

**Goal:** The priorities for the 2021-2022 school year will be to:

- Return to 100% in-person instruction
- Safely maintain an in-person learning environment for all students, faculty, and staff
- Preserve co-curricular activities, extracurricular activities, and interscholastic athletics for students

**Remote Learning:**

- No voluntary remote learning option
- Remote learning will be offered if there is a school/class/grade wide mandatory quarantine issued by Washington County Public Health Services
- Accommodations may be made for those who have compromised medical conditions.
- Remote Learning may be used in other circumstances (such as if we exceed our snow day allotment, infection rates spike, changing guidance from New York State)

**Source:** This decision was based on the difficulties experienced last year with synchronous remote instruction and the CDC guidance to promote a return to full time instruction for all students. This is the first bullet on the “Key Takeaways” portion of the [CDC guidance](#) for schools.

### **Masking:**

- Indoors: masks are required regardless of vaccination status when students are present.
  - Masks may be removed while eating or drinking.
  - Consistent and correct mask use is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- Outdoors: Masks are not required
  - Unvaccinated guests (i.e. spectators) are encouraged to wear masks.
  - Fully vaccinated individuals may choose to wear a mask.
- No masks are required for outdoor learning and recess.
- Mask breaks will be coordinated to provide for at least 6 feet of physical distancing.
- Please note, we will adjust these requirements based on New York State Guidance and infection rates in our area.

Source: This is a **requirement** issued by the New York State Department of Health on August 27, 2021.

“Effective immediately, in accordance with the Commissioner's Determination issued pursuant to 10 NYCRR 2.60, any person over the age of 2 (including all students, personnel, teachers, administrators, contractors, and visitors) must wear masks at all times indoors in P-12 school buildings, regardless of vaccination status.” Commissioner of Health Howard Zucker

You can find the wording here:

<https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2021/08/2.60-determination.pdf>

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### **Daily Health Screenings:**

- All staff are encouraged to complete the daily screening tool.
- Parents/Guardians are encouraged to complete the daily screening tool.
- Temperature screenings will be conducted upon entry to our buildings.

Source: This determination was made based on our experiences last school year and is designed to help our nursing staff and our contact tracers when trying to do contact tracing after the discovery of a positive case.

### **Attendance:**

- All students are expected to attend school in-class every day.
- Remote learning will only be provided if there is a grade/class-wide quarantine
- Individual students who are quarantined will be provided learning opportunities

Source: This decision was based on the difficulties experienced last year with student attendance during remote instruction and the CDC guidance to promote a return to full time instruction for all students. This is the first bullet on the “Key Takeaways” portion of the [CDC guidance](#) for schools.

### **Voluntary Testing:**

- All unvaccinated staff are required to be screened for COVID weekly.
- Students may voluntarily engage in screening testing on a weekly basis with permission from the parent/guardian
- Washington County is developing a potential screening plan – not anticipated to be completed until mid-to-late September
- Voluntary participation (unless otherwise directed by New York State Authorities or WASAREN League decision (for athletics))

Source: NYSDOH Regulations issued 9/2/21 :

[https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency\\_regulations/COVID-19%20Reporting%20and%20Testing.pdf](https://regs.health.ny.gov/sites/default/files/pdf/emergency_regulations/COVID-19%20Reporting%20and%20Testing.pdf)

### Physical Distancing:

- As a baseline, the Cambridge CSD will maintain 3-feet **or greater** physical distance between students where possible.
- Classroom windows and doors will be open to increase ventilation, to the extent possible.
- Seating charts are required to assist in contact tracing.

Source: The CDC guidance to promote a return to full time instruction for all students. The CDC recommends 6 feet of space to physically distance unless that would prevent in-person learning. At CCS we are spacing a minimum of 3 feet. We expand that distance up to six feet where the space allows.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

### Transportation:

- All passengers and drivers must wear a mask while on the bus, regardless of vaccination status.
- Buses may be filled to capacity (this is necessary to get all of our students to school every day).
- Windows will be open to the greatest extent possible.
- Parents/Guardians who are able to provide transportation to and/or from school are encouraged to do so to reduce the population on buses.

Source: CDC **requirement** for masking on all mass transit (including school buses):

<https://www2.ed.gov/documents/coronavirus/reopening.pdf>

### Meals / Cafeteria:

- The main eating location will be the cafeteria, with overflow in other identified locations if needed (auditorium).
- Students will be separated by 3-feet as possible.
- Students may take their masks off to eat and drink. Masks must go back on after their meal is complete.

Source: CDC school reopening guidance and NYSDOH reopening guidance:

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>
- <http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/back-school/nysed-health-and-safety-guide-for-the-2021-2022-school-year.pdf>

### Quarantines:

- Each case will be investigated, per Washington County DOH, the general plan is:
  - If there is an exposure:
    - Fully Vaccinated Individuals are not required to quarantine (**if asymptomatic**)
    - Unvaccinated Individuals:
      - Separated by at least 6-feet: No Quarantine required
      - Separated by less than 6-feet:
        - If properly masked: No Quarantine required
        - If not masked (*i.e. during meal time*): County Quarantine
  - Individual circumstances may change these processes as determined by the county contact tracers
- This follows the County DOH visuals found at:  
<https://www.cambridgecsd.org/cms/lib/NY02212078/Centricity/Domain/324/Contact%20Tracing%20Algorithm%20for%20Schools%209.1.21.pdf>

Source: Washington County DOH

### **Interscholastic Athletics:**

- COVID Screening Tests may be conducted on a regular basis (weekly) when the county is at a High rate of Transmission. You can find the transmission rate for Washington County at: <https://washingtoncountyny.gov/1147/Coronavirus-Information>
  - CCS is currently using the BINEX Now cards which requires a nasal swab.
  - CCS will switch to the Quadrant Biosciences pool testing when the system is set up by the Washington County DOH. This is a saliva swab pool test.
- Indoor Sports: Masks are required.
- Outdoor Sports: Masks are not required during play, but should be worn on the sidelines.
  - Athletes should be socially distanced on the sidelines as much as is practicable.
- Spectators:
  - Indoors Sports
    - Limited spectators, masks are required.
  - Outdoor Sports
    - Masks for spectators are recommended for all unvaccinated individuals.
- All students may participate regardless of vaccination status. It is important to realize that unvaccinated athletes may be required by the Washington County Dept. of Health to quarantine if exposed to a positive individual.
- Please note: where spectators are limited we will make every effort to broadcast the event on our YouTube Channel.

Source: WASAREN League Decision (see letter at the end of this document).

### **Extra/Co-curricular Activities:**

- Extra-curricular clubs will be active.
- Field-trips will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 9<sup>th</sup> period and late busses will be offered as in pre-COVID scheduling.

Source: CCS Determination

### **Daily Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures and Protocols:**

- The district will continue regular cleaning and disinfection daily or more frequently, as needed, along with frequent cleaning and disinfection of shared objects and surfaces as well as high transit areas, such as restrooms and common areas.
- Classrooms will be disinfected as necessary.
- High volume touch points will be disinfected frequently throughout the day as well as each night.
- Primary products used: EPA approved disinfectants, disinfecting mist/fogger, disinfecting sprays & surface wipes.
- Use of hand sanitizer and the practice of good hygiene will be taught/encouraged.
- All cleaning staff will have access to PPE.
- Filtration/Ventilation: ensure maximum outside air is utilized in all HVAC equipment by monitoring the EMS system for outside damper positions when appropriate.

Source: CCS Determination utilizing CDC guidance

### **Use of School Facilities**

- Limited indoor use of school facilities by outside groups.
- Outdoor use of facilities will be permitted.

Source: CCS Determination utilizing CDC guidance

## Visitors

- The number of visitors will be limited.
- Masks and temperature checks are required.

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## Safety Drills

- Modified to maintain social distancing following the procedures developed for the 2020-21 school year.

Source: NYSED Guidance

## Vaccinations

- No current mandate/requirement for employees to be vaccinated.
- The district will work with the Washington County Department of Health on encouraging vaccinations and holding clinics for eligible students and staff.
- **NOTE: Vaccination status has an impact on the Washington County DOH quarantine procedures. Vaccinated individuals who are asymptomatic are not required to quarantine but are encouraged to get tested 3-5 days after exposure.**



Date: August 27, 2021

RE: Testing of athletes for the Fall 2021 season

On August 12, school districts were provided the [New York State Education Department \(NYSED\) Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year](#). This document is based on recommendations made by [the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#) for the reopening of schools.

For COVID-19 Testing in schools the CDC recommends screening testing:

- In areas with substantial or high community transmission levels;
- In areas with low vaccination coverage;
- For certain higher risk activities;
- In schools where other prevention strategies are not implemented; and
- For participants who are not fully vaccinated and seek to participate in sports, extracurricular activities, or other activities with elevated risk (such as activities that involve singing, shouting, band, and exercise that could lead to increased exhalation).

The first priority of the Wasaren League is the health and safety of all athletes, coaches, volunteers and spectators. Based on the CDC recommendations, at a minimum the Wasaren League has agreed to test all unvaccinated athletes weekly while in a High Transmission Zone for the Fall 2021 season. The decision to extend testing beyond unvaccinated athletes is a District decision.

Thank you.