

## Capital Region BOCES Special Education

### Airline Drive Academy and Maywood School

#### COVID-19 Layered Mitigation Protocols: 2021-22

Capital Region BOCES instructional leaders continue to work with our Albany County Department of Health regarding health and safety protocols we must follow. Please know that the health and safety of our students, our staff and their families is our top priority – as is maximizing opportunities for in-person instruction. Outlined below is a summary of the protocols we expect to follow in our schools in September, which include a layered mitigation approach based on the local transmission rate (as determined by the Center for Disease Control).

	Mitigation Protocol [1]	Low Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission	High Community Transmission
<b>1</b>	<b>COVID-19 Vaccines</b>	Strongly Encouraged	Strongly Encouraged	Strongly Recommended	Strongly Recommended
<b>2</b>	<b>Health Screening</b>	Parents and Staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily; No reporting to school required	Parents and Staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily; No reporting to school required	Parents and Staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily; No reporting to school required	Parents and Staff should screen for COVID-19 symptoms daily; No reporting to school required

<b>3</b>	<b>COVID-19 Surveillance Testing [5]</b>	No testing requirements	No testing requirements	Random rapid or surveillance testing of unvaccinated staff	Random rapid or surveillance testing of unvaccinated staff
<b>4</b>	<b>Face coverings/Masks (Indoors)</b>	Encouraged for all when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met	Required by all at all times; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur	Required by all at all times; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur	Required by all at all times; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur
<b>5</b>	<b>Face coverings/Masks (Outdoors)</b>	No Restrictions	Encouraged for unvaccinated when 3 feet physical distancing cannot be consistently met	Encouraged for unvaccinated when 3 feet physical distancing cannot be consistently met	Required for all when 3 feet physical distancing cannot be met; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur
<b>6</b>	<b>Monitoring Community and School-Based Transmission [2]</b>	Ongoing	Ongoing; Weekly benchmark	Ongoing; Weekly benchmark	Ongoing; Weekly benchmark
<b>7</b>	<b>Physical Distancing (Indoors)</b>	Encouraged 3 feet physical distancing	3 feet physical distancing and masked	3 feet physical distancing and masked	3 feet physical distancing and masked
<b>8</b>	<b>School Visitors (Indoors/Outdoors)</b>	No Restrictions	Official business only	Official business only	Official business only

<b>9</b>	<b>Handwashing, Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette</b>	Required	Required	Required	Required
<b>10</b>	<b>Recess and Physical Education (Outdoors)</b>	No Restrictions	Physical distancing of 3 feet encouraged	Physical distancing of 3 feet required	Physical distancing of 3 feet and masks required; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur
<b>11</b>	<b>Physical Education (Indoor)</b>	Face masks encouraged for all when 3 feet distancing cannot be consistently met	Face masks required; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur	Face masks required; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur	Face masks required; Regular and appropriate mask breaks occur
<b>12</b>	<b>Quarantining [3]</b>	Up to 10-day quarantine per local county department health protocols	Up to 10-day quarantine per local county department health protocols	Up to 10-day quarantine per local county department health protocols	Up to 10-day quarantine per local county department health protocols
<b>13</b>	<b>Staying Home When Sick (Staff and Students)</b>	All students and staff instructed to stay home when sick	All students and staff instructed to stay home when sick	All students and staff instructed to stay home when sick	All students and staff instructed to stay home when sick
<b>14</b>	<b>Return to School/Work Protocols (following illness)</b>	Per local county health department of health protocols	Per local county health department of health protocols	Per local county health department of health protocols	Per local county health department of health protocols

<b>15</b>	<b>Cleaning and Disinfection</b>	Daily routine cleaning; enhanced disinfection of high-touch surfaces	Daily routine cleaning; enhanced disinfection of high-touch surfaces	Daily routine cleaning; enhanced disinfection of high-touch surfaces	Daily routine cleaning; enhanced disinfection of high-touch surfaces
<b>16</b>	<b>Cafeteria/Eating</b>	No Restrictions	3 feet physical distancing and masks except when eating	3 feet physical distancing and masks except when eating	3 feet physical distancing and masks except when eating
<b>17</b>	<b>Ventilation and Air Quality</b>	Sustained fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Sustained fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Sustained fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Sustained fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)
<b>18</b>	<b>Transportation [4]</b>	Face Masks Required	Face Masks Required	Face Masks Required	Face Masks Required

## Appendix A CDC Levels of Community Transmission [5]

Indicator – If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Transmission Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of Nucleic Acid Amplification Test (NAATs) that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

[1] For the CDCs Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools, please see <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

[2] As determined by the CDC. For a description of these levels, please see Appendix A of this document. For tracking of these levels, please see <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

[3] In the K-12 classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3-6 feet of an infected students from quarantining if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>

[4] By Order of the CDC, students and staff must wear masks at all times while on school buses. Please see <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>

[5] See Part 4, Screening Testing, at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>