

Mitigation Protocol	High Community Transmission (RED)	Substantial Community Transmission (ORANGE)	Moderate Community Transmission (YELLOW)	Low Community Transmission (BLUE)
1. COVID-19 Vaccines	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly encouraged for all eligible. Required for faculty and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly encouraged for all eligible. Required for faculty and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly encouraged for all eligible. Required for faculty and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strongly encouraged for all eligible. Required for faculty and staff.
2. Physical Distancing (Indoors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3' distancing <u>and</u> masked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3' distancing <u>and</u> masked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3' distancing <u>and</u> masked. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distancing measures in consultation with medical director.
3. Facemasks (Indoors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required at all times per NYS. Mask breaks as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required at all times per NYS. Mask breaks as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required at all times per NYS. Mask breaks as needed. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required at all times per NYS. Mask breaks as needed.
4. Facemasks (Outdoors)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when 3' distancing cannot be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required when 3' distancing cannot be met. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask requirements in consultation with medical director. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask requirements in consultation with medical director.
5. Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required at all times for students and staff per federal law. Use of seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required at all times for students and staff per federal law. Use of seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required at all times for students and staff per federal law. Use of seating 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required at all times for students and staff per federal law. Increased air flow.

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6. Cafeteria/Eating	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6" distancing <u>and</u> all students facing the same direction. ● Masks required when not eating. ● Staff wear masks while preparing and serving meals. ● View ACDOH quarantine protocols for cafeteria/meals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6' distancing <u>and</u> all students facing the same direction. ● Masks required when not eating. ● Staff wear masks while preparing and serving meals. ● View ACDOH quarantine protocols for cafeteria/meals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 6' distancing <u>and</u> all students facing the same direction. ● Masks required when not eating. ● Staff wear masks while preparing and serving meals. ● View ACDOH quarantine protocols for cafeteria/meals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cafeteria/eating mask and distancing requirements in consultation with ACDOH & medical director. ● View ACDOH quarantine protocols for cafeteria/meals.
7. Handwashing, Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expected and encouraged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expected and encouraged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expected and encouraged. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Expected and encouraged.
8. Cleaning and Disinfection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily routine cleaning and daily disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces. ● School buses twice daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily routine cleaning and daily disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces. ● School buses twice daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily routine cleaning and daily disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces. ● School buses twice daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Daily routine cleaning.
9. Ventilation and Air Quality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased fresh air circulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased fresh air circulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased fresh air circulation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased fresh air circulation

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10. Quarantine	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine per ACDOH protocols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine per ACDOH protocols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine per ACDOH protocols. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarantine per ACDOH protocols.
11. COVID-19 Screening Testing (Rapid test or pool testing)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening testing at 20% per week for students/staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening testing at 10% per week for students/staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Screening testing at 10% per week for students/staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No screening testing.
12. Staying Home When Sick (Staff and students)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff instructed to stay home with any sign of infectious illness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff instructed to stay home with any sign of infectious illness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff instructed to stay home with any sign of infectious illness. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff instructed to stay home with any sign of infectious illness.
13. Return to School/Work Protocols (Following illness)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return per ACDOH protocols for COVID and BCSD protocols for non-COVID illness. Physician note when applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return per ACDOH protocols for COVID and BCSD protocols for non-COVID illness. Physician note when applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return per ACDOH protocols for COVID and BCSD protocols for non-COVID illness. Physician note when applicable. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Return per ACDOH protocols for COVID and BCSD protocols for non-COVID illness. Physician note when applicable.
14. Recess	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required for students and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required for students and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks required for students and staff. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask requirements in consultation with medical director.
15. High-Risk Fall Sports (Football & volleyball)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination is required, if eligible. If not eligible to be vaccinated, weekly rapid screening testing is required. Masks required for all high-risk sports 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended if eligible. If unvaccinated, weekly rapid screening testing is required. Mask requirements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended if eligible. Mask and screening requirements in consultation with medical director. Spectator 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask and screening requirements in consultation with medical director.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (indoors and outdoors). Restrictions on spectators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> in consultation with medical director. Spectator restrictions to be determined. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> restrictions to be determined. 	
16. High-Risk Afterschool Activities (Non-instructional performing arts activities that require singing, use of wind instruments, etc.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination is required, if eligible. If not eligible to be vaccinated, weekly rapid screening testing is required. Masks required for all high-risk afterschool activities (indoors and outdoors). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended, if eligible. If unvaccinated, weekly rapid screening testing is required. Masks required for all (indoors and outdoors). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccination recommended, if eligible. If unvaccinated, weekly rapid screening testing is required. Masks required for all (indoors only). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask and screening requirements in consultation with medical director.
17. Community Use of School Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No use of indoor facilities allowed by community groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No use of indoor facilities allowed by community groups. Exception for groups that include only BC enrolled students. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal restrictions on community use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No restrictions on community use.
18. School Visitors During Academic Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No visitors. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minimal restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No restrictions on visitors.

CDC Levels of Community Transmission

(<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>)

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission	High	Substantial	Moderate	Low
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levels, the higher level is selected	Community Transmission (RED)	Community Transmission (ORANGE)	Community Transmission (YELLOW)	Community Transmission (BLUE)
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	≥ 100	50 - 99.99	10 - 49.99	0 - 9.99
Percentage of Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests that are positive during the past 7 days	$\geq 10.0\%$	8 - 9.99%	5 - 7.99%	0 - 4.99%

Guiding Resources

[NYSED Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year](#)

[CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)

[AAP COVID-19 Guidance for Safe Schools](#)

[OSHA Guidance on Mitigating and Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 in the Workplace](#)