



COVID-19 Layered Mitigation Protocols: 2021-2022

The Watervliet City School District is planning for a full return to school in September, providing strong academics and an array of extracurricular and athletic offerings. The district will use a layered mitigation approach to address the health and safety concerns of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This is about carefully monitoring the various stages and implications of COVID-19. A measured approach will be taken to make adjustments to mitigate efforts based on the transmission or rate of infection based on CDC levels of community transmission.

The intent of the layered approach is to maintain a balance between prioritizing health and safety of students and staff, and supporting the social, emotional, mental health of students and staff.

Mitigation Protocol		Low Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission	High Community Transmission
1	COVID-19 Vaccines	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged	Encouraged
2	COVID-19 Testing	No Surveillance Testing	No Surveillance Testing	Surveillance Testing at 10% per week	Surveillance Testing at 20% per week
3	Facemasks (indoors)	Encouraged for all	Required By All at all times.	Required By All at all times.	Required By All at all times.
4	Monitoring Community and School-Based Transmission	Ongoing	Ongoing; weekly benchmark	Ongoing; weekly benchmark	Ongoing; weekly benchmark
5	Social Distancing (indoors)	N/A	3' distancing <u>and</u> masked	3' distancing <u>and</u> masked	3' distancing <u>and</u> masked
6	School Visitors	No Restrictions	Minimal Restrictions	Moderate Restrictions No unnecessary visitors; Limited "outside group" use of school facilities.	Strict Restrictions No visitors; No "outside group" use of school facilities.

7	Handwashing, Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette	Encouraged and Expected	Encouraged and Expected	Encouraged and Expected	Encouraged and Expected
8	Contact Tracing and Quarantine District shall engage in contact tracing with ACDOH and follow applicable DOH protocols	6' close contact perimeter for more than 10 minutes and 10-day quarantine.	6' close contact perimeter for more than 10 minutes and 10-day quarantine.	6' close contact perimeter for more than 10 minutes and 10-day quarantine.	6' close contact perimeter for more than 10 minutes and 10-day quarantine.
9	Staying Home When Sick (Staff and Students)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
10	Return to School/Work Protocols (following illness)	Return per ACDOH protocols	Return per ACDOH protocols	Return per ACDOH protocols	Return per ACDOH protocols
12	Cleaning and Disinfection	Daily Routine Cleaning	Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces	Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces	Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces
13	Cafeteria	No Restrictions	6' distancing encouraged	6' distancing required	6' distancing required
14	Recess and Physical Education (Outdoors)	No Restrictions	No Restrictions	Social distancing encouraged	Social distancing and masked
15	Ventilation and Air Quality	Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)	Increased fresh air circulation (mechanical, open windows, open doors)
16	Bus Transportation	Mask required at all times	Mask required at all times	Mask required at all times	Mask required at all times
17	High Risk Activities (Athletics & the Arts) Indoors	No Restrictions	-Masks for participants and spectators -3' social distancing for spectators -Limited spectators -Bell covers for band -Weekly Surveillance	-Masks for participants and spectators -3' social distancing for spectators -2 spectators per participant -Bell covers for band	-Masks for participants -No spectators -Bell covers for band -Weekly Surveillance Rapid (all) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports

			Rapid (10%) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports	-Weekly Surveillance Rapid (20%) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports	
18	High Risk Activities (Athletics & the Arts) Outdoors	No Restrictions	-3' social distancing for spectators -Weekly Surveillance Rapid (10%) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports	-Masks encouraged for participants and spectators -3' social distancing for spectators -Limited spectators -Weekly Surveillance Rapid (20%) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports	-Masks required for participants and spectators -2 spectators per participant -Weekly Surveillance Rapid (all) Testing for unvaccinated students in High Risk Sports

CDC Levels of Community Transmission

Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected	Low Community Transmission	Moderate Community Transmission	Substantial Community Transmission	High Community Transmission
Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days	0-9.99	10-49.99	50-99.99	≥100
Percentage of NAATs ¹ that are positive during the past 7 days	0-4.99%	5-7.99%	8-9.99%	≥10.0%

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>
 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>