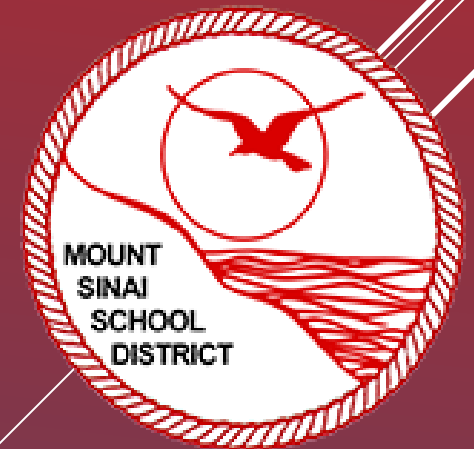


MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL DISTRICT
REOPENING PLANS
2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR



Back to School Priorities for 2021-2022



Health and safety of all students and staff are paramount.



In-person instruction for all K-12 students everyday (no cohort or hybrid days)



Minimize the need for quarantines for our students, staff and their families.



Focus on social, emotional and mental health needs of our students and staff.

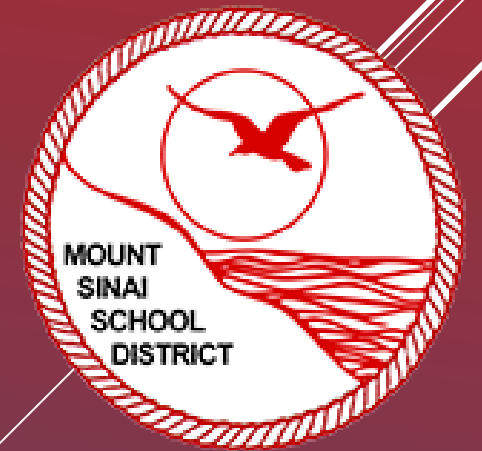
HIGHLIGHTS OF ALL PLANS

- Every K-12 student is scheduled for daily in-person instruction.
- No “Full Remote Learning” option.
- At least 3 ft of social distancing in all classrooms.
- Masks required on buses for students and staff and during small group instruction or times when social distancing cannot be maintained. (Less than 3 feet) “All passengers on public conveyances....are required to wear” – CDC/NYSED
- Masks are NOT required outdoors, during recess and during physical education classes.
- No Daily Health Screening or Temp checks
- We are making every effort to return to a sense of normalcy. The only difference will be mask wearing within the 3 proposed plans.

PLAN HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED...

- All K-5 specials scheduled and in their originally designated classrooms
- K-5 start time is at its regular time/ no altered day elementary or secondary
- We are planning to offer co-curricular activities/clubs, including athletics
- Visitors will be allowed back into our buildings subject to mask policy
- We are planning to offer field trips and competitions
- Lunch will be in the cafeterias
- We will continue the strict cleaning protocols put in place last year for the upcoming school year

3 Possible Reopening Plans



PLAN #1

Opening of School:

When Mount Sinai Schools reopen in September, for health reasons, masks are required for all employees and students based on the Suffolk County Department of Health's August 9th update. COVID positive cases, need for quarantine and contact tracing in all three buildings will be monitored daily, weekly and monthly. These numbers will be reported to the Board and community daily. The reopening plan will be reviewed monthly by the Board of Education, who may modify the plan based on the reported number of cases, impact of quarantine requirements and community spread data.

Details are as follows:

- Desk shields have been removed.
- Face masks are required for all staff and students indoors. Students are permitted to lower or remove their masks while seated and eating in the cafeteria. Every effort will be made to distance students when they are eating to accommodate social distancing.
- Masks will not be required outdoors for recess, physical education and any outdoor learning
- Masks must be worn in small group instructional settings, when walking around in the classroom, walking in the hallways, or on line in the cafeteria.
- Masks will be required for all students on all buses unless a student is medically exempt (this is a mandate from the U.S. Department of Transportation)
- These masking requirements are vitally important to follow, so as to avoid any prolonged quarantining of students or staff. More specific details regarding quarantining of students and staff will follow
- Any request based on medical exemption shall be in the form of and conform with the 504 process.

PLAN 1 CONTINUED..

Remote Teaching – will not be offered:

- Medically fragile students can follow the 504 process and work with their medical doctor and the District to see if home instruction is a possibility.

Visitors to Schools/Use of Facilities

- During the day when school is in session, by appointment only with masks
- At night for parent meetings, masks must be worn
- Community organizations – facility use indoors – masks must be worn and are subject to Premises Use forms and approval

Athletics:

- Indoors spectator-masks required
- A limitation or restriction in the number of indoor or outdoor spectators may be required but is not presently required but may be amended as needed due to COVID transmission rates and community data
- Exploring the possibility of continuing to livestream athletic events

Music Rehearsals:

- Instrumental and choral lessons will continue at all levels with social distancing
- Decisions on indoor concerts will be made in the future.

COVID Protocols – Requirements

- **No student health attestations will be collected**
- **No staff health attestations will be collected**
- **No daily temperature checks will occur**

PLAN # 2

Opening of School:

Mount Sinai School District will be enacting a hybrid mask policy for the District, which means masks will not be required at all times, but must be in a ready position for all students, faculty and staff in certain circumstances. COVID positive cases, need for quarantine and contact tracing in all three buildings will be monitored daily, weekly and monthly. These numbers will be reported to the Board and community daily. The reopening Plan will be reviewed monthly by the Board of Education, who may modify the plan based on the reported number of cases, impact of quarantine requirements and community spread data.

Details are as follows:

- Desk shields have been removed.
- Students while seated at their desks in their classrooms, will be permitted to pull their mask below their chin, but keep it in a ready position in case social distancing is no longer possible. This represents a majority of the school day for the student. Students are also permitted to lower or remove their masks while seated and eating in the cafeteria though they are encouraged to wear masks indoors. Every effort will be made to distance students when they are eating.
- Masks will not be required outdoors for recess, physical education and any outdoor learning.
- Masks must be worn during small group instruction of less than three feet or where ventilation may not be adequate, when walking around the classroom (anywhere away from the student's desk), standing or lining up in the hallways or on the cafeteria line.
- Masks will be required for all students on all busses unless a student is medically exempt (see below re: 504 plan). (This is a mandate from the U.S. Department of Transportation)
- These hybrid masking requirements are vitally important to follow, so as to avoid any prolonged quarantining of students or staff. More specific details regarding quarantining students and staff will follow.

PLAN #2 CONTINUED...

Remote Teaching – will not be offered

- Medically fragile students can follow the 504 process and work with their medical doctor and the District to see if home instruction is a possibility. Students learn best when they are in school.

Visitors to Schools/Use of Facilities

- During the day when school is in session, by appointment only with masks
- At night for parent meetings, masks must be worn
- Community organizations – facility use indoors – masks must be worn and are subject to Premises Use forms and approval.

Athletics:

- Indoors spectator – masks required
- The number of indoor spectators may be limited by ticket availability or passes for School sanctioned or team activity.
- School teams shall be the subject of a Premises Use Form, which may be limited in scope, attendees allowed or suspended.
- Exploring the possibility of continuing to livestream athletic events

Music Rehearsals:

- Instrumental and choral lessons will continue at all levels
- Decisions on indoor concerts will be made in the future

COVID Protocols – Requirements

- No student health attestations will be collected
- No staff health attestations will be collected
- No daily temperature checks will occur

PLAN # 3

Opening of School:

Mount Sinai School District will be enacting a mask optional policy for students in the District, which means masks will not be required but will be encouraged. Staff and visitors will be required to wear masks indoors in any District Building. COVID positive cases, need for quarantine and contact tracing in all three buildings will be monitored daily, weekly and monthly. These numbers will be reported to the Board and community daily. The reopening plan will be reviewed monthly by the Board of Education, who may modify the plan based on the reported number of cases, impact of quarantine requirements and community spread data.

Details are as follows:

- Desk shields have been removed

Remote Teaching – will not be offered

- Medically fragile students can follow the 504 process and work with their medical doctor and the District to see if home instruction is a possibility. Students learn best when they are in school.

Visitors to Schools/Use of Facilities:

- During the day when school is in session, by appointment only with masks
- At night for parent meetings, masks must be worn
- Community organizations – facility use indoors – masks must be worn and are subject to Premises Use forms and approval.

Athletics:

- Indoors spectator – masks required.
- The number of indoor spectators may be limited by tickets availability or passes for School sanctioned or team activity.
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- No staff attestations will be collected.
- No daily temperature checks will occur.

Mask or No Mask: Scenario 1

Blue = Mask
Yellow = No Mask
Red = Quarantine

Assumptions:

- All students are wearing masks
- Student "18" has COVID (masked)

Quarantine Implications (1):

- Only Student "18" would have to quarantine



Mask or No Mask: Scenario 2

Blue = Mask
Yellow = No Mask
Red = Quarantine

Assumptions:

- All students are wearing masks EXCEPT Student "18"
- Student "18" has COVID (not masked)

Quarantine Implications (13):

- A total of 13 students would be required to quarantine within this one classroom
- "...within 3-6 feet if BOTH students correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time."



WHILE WE UNDERSTAND THE FRUSTRATIONS THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE EXPERIENCED AT THIS POINT, WE FEEL THAT THESE PLANS ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF INPUT FROM ALL CONSTITUENTS WHILE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO STATE AND FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

THESE PLANS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO CHANGES IN COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMATION AND RISK OR QUARANTINE IMPACT.

AS ALWAYS, WE THANK THE COMMUNITY, THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, STAFF AND FAMILIES FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND UNDERSTANDING.