



# HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## Reopening Update for Fall 2021

As we enter a second year of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Herricks School District continues to prioritize the health and safety of all members of the Herricks school community. The district continues to derive guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), the New York State Department of Health, and the New York State Education Department (SED) to ensure all our students and staff return safely to in-person learning and teaching. Information regarding COVID-19 remains fluid; therefore, we will continue to rely on data and recommendations from the CDC, AAP, DOH and SED to ensure a safe school environment. Revisions and updates will be shared with the community. For more information related to the Herricks Reopening Plan, please go to our website at: [www.herricks.org/Domain/1544](http://www.herricks.org/Domain/1544)

### Health and Safety

- Anyone sick and experiencing COVID-19 symptoms must stay home.
- Facemasks must be worn by all individuals inside of school buildings and school buses.
- Facemasks are optional while outdoors.
- Random temperature checks will occur for students and staff. Parents should check your child's temperature daily.
- Thorough, daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, buildings and school buses will continue.
- Frequent hand-washing will continue to be stressed among students and staff.
- All classroom ventilation systems have been reconditioned and have new filters.

### Contact Tracing

- The school will conduct a contact-tracing investigation when there is a positive COVID-19 case.
- There will be at least three feet of physical distancing among students in classrooms, per DOH guidance, and six feet distancing for adults.
- The District will continue to work cooperatively with the Nassau County Department of Health to determine if an employee or student had close contact with a positive case. Close contact is someone who was less than three feet (students) or six feet (adults) for 15 minutes or more without a mask.
- Students who are masked do not need to quarantine after contact with a positive case as long as both the contact and primary case are masked and at three foot distancing.
- Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after contact with a positive case unless they have symptoms.

### Building Practices

- All students will return to daily, in-person learning.
- Classroom desks will be arranged with a minimum of three feet of distance between students, with all facing in a common direction.
- Six feet of distancing will remain between teacher workstations and student seating, where possible.
- Classroom windows will be opened.

### Food Services

- Masks may be removed during meals.
- Individuals will maintain the maximum physical distancing permitted while eating. Elementary students will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms or in the cafeteria on a rotating basis to maintain six feet distance.
- Eating outdoors is encouraged.

### Transportation

- Students are required to wear masks while boarding, riding and exiting the bus.
- Bus windows will remain open, when possible, to increase fresh air and improve ventilation.
- Children in the same family are encouraged to sit together on the bus.
- Parental drop-off and safe pedestrian choices are encouraged.

### After-School Activities

- After-school programs and extra-curricular clubs will resume in accordance with health and safety protocols.
- Interscholastic athletics will continue to operate under guidelines from NYSPHSAA Section VIII and the Department of Health. Student athletes are strongly encouraged to be vaccinated.