

UPDATED NYS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH GUIDANCE FOR SCHOOLS

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Key Changes include:

- ▶ Reduction in social distancing requirement to no less than 3 feet during academic instruction at the elementary school level
- ▶ Reduction in distancing to 3 feet at MS and HS level when the county Covid transmission rates are at a **low to moderate level** (as determined by CDC maps). If transmission rates are at a **high level**, reduction to 3 foot distancing is recommended only if MS and HS classes are organized in cohorts (self-contained classes). Nassau County is currently in a high transmission rate CDC Red Zone. CDC Map Tracker link: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>
- ▶ Six feet of distance is required: when eating meals or snacks; between adults (faculty and staff); between students and adults; in common areas, such as auditoriums, gyms and cafeterias; when singing (with masks) or playing a wind instrument (with bell covers or flute shields)
- ▶ Less than six feet of distancing for 10 minutes or more remains the standard for identifying a close contact to a positive Covid case, which requires a quarantine
- ▶ Close contacts who have been vaccinated are not required to quarantine unless they have Covid symptoms
- ▶ Mandatory mask wearing, washing of hands, completing daily screening survey, regular cleaning and disinfecting are all still required
- ▶ Physical barriers or shields are no longer recommended