



# VALLEY STREAM 13 SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2021-2022 Reopening Update

August 24, 2021  
Board of Education Meeting

# Reopening Plan 2021-2022

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- Based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, American Academy of Pediatrics, Nassau County Department of Health and New York State Education Department recommendations and guidance for 2021-2022 school year
- Collaborative planning with the Board of Education, administrators, teachers, and parents
- Reopening plans will be monitored and adjusted as necessary based on the most current guidance
- Focus on layered prevention strategies in order to:
  1. Promote health and well-being for all members of the school community
  2. Reduce the risk of transmission at school
  3. Reduce the likelihood of quarantines for students and/or classes
  4. Keep school open to promote the well-being of students and families
  5. Maximize in-person instruction

# Layered Prevention Strategy

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- 1. Universal Mask Wearing**
- 2. Distancing: 3-feet**
- 3. Cohort Model for Classes**
- 4. Regular Cleaning and Disinfecting**
- 5. Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette**
- 6. Stay home when sick**
- 7. Contact tracing with quarantine**
- 8. Ventilation**

# Summary Points

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- Open schools with pre-pandemic schedules and fully in-person
- Masks will be required indoors and on buses for everyone
  - *Note, the CDC has issued a quarantine exception for K-12 close contacts: if students have well-fitting masks, they will not be subject to quarantine and therefore, will not need to miss days of school (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/php/contact-tracing/contact-tracing-plan/appendix.html#contact>)*
- Masks are not required outdoors
- Desk barriers will not be utilized
- One-time attestation that parents will check temperature every day that should be completed by the end of the first full week of school
- Remote learning will not be provided; students will access work through their teacher if needed
- Cleaning and enhanced disinfecting measures remain in place
- Contact tracing and quarantining will follow current Nassau County Department of Health protocols ([August 11<sup>th</sup> Letter and FAQ from NCDOH](#))
- The District will report positive COVID-19 cases to NCDOH and community

# Masks/Face Coverings

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- Per existing CDC guidance, the district has communicated all students, staff, and visitors must wear masks indoors regardless of vaccination status
- Mask wearing is not required outdoors
- District will follow existing CDC guidance that all students and adults must wear well-fitting masks while inside a bus, regardless of vaccination status

# Contact Tracing

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- District will continue to collaborate with state and local health departments to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19
- This includes continued use of isolation rooms and quarantine protocols (i.e., same as we ended last year)
- Fully vaccinated close contacts should be referred for COVID-19 testing. If asymptomatic, fully vaccinated close contacts do not need to quarantine at home following an exposure (they can continue to attend school-in person) and participate in other activities
- Close contacts who are not fully vaccinated should be referred for COVID-19 testing. Regardless of the test result, they should quarantine at home for 14 days after exposure
- Local public health authorities make the final decisions about how long quarantine should last, based on local conditions and needs. Options they will consider include
  - After day 10 without testing
  - After day 7 after receiving a negative test result (test must occur on day 5 or later) (Letters from Nassau County DOH will be posted on website today)

# Cleaning & Disinfecting

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All cleaning and disinfecting of our schools will be conducted on a regular schedule aligned with a recorded log and comply with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and NYS Department of Health guidelines.

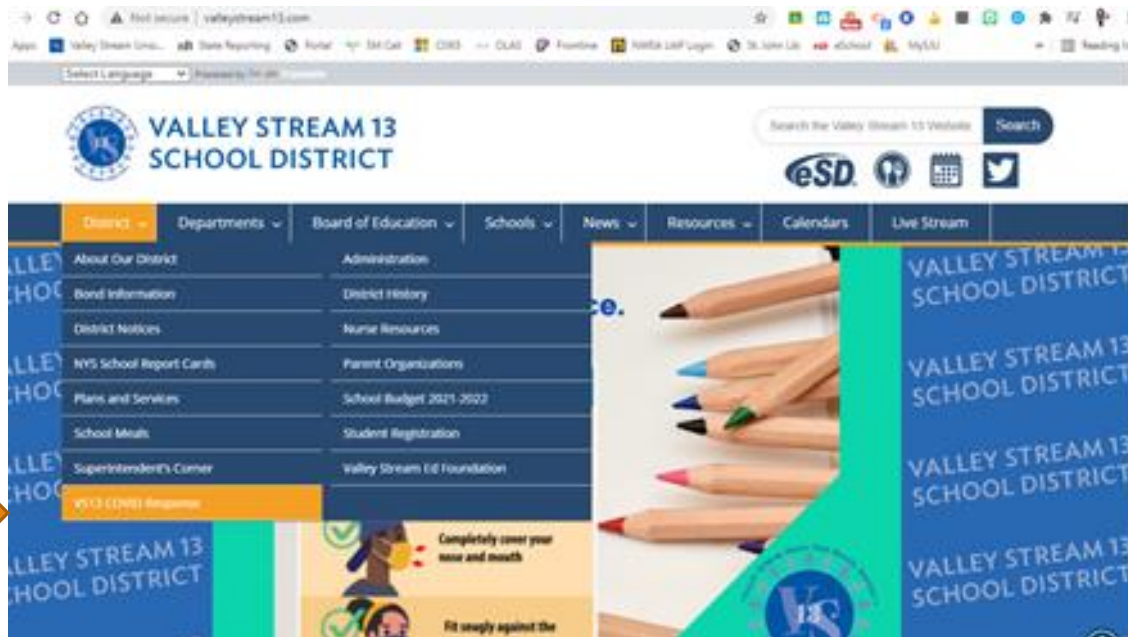
Staff will clean and disinfect areas using disinfectants approved for use against COVID-19 on the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) List N: Disinfectants for Use Against SARS-CoV-2 following the product instructions.

All buildings will be cleaned every night. Frequently touched surfaces and objects such as: door knobs, light switches, stair rails, lunch room tables, countertops, and water fountains, desks, phones, keyboards, toilets and restrooms will be cleaned at least daily.

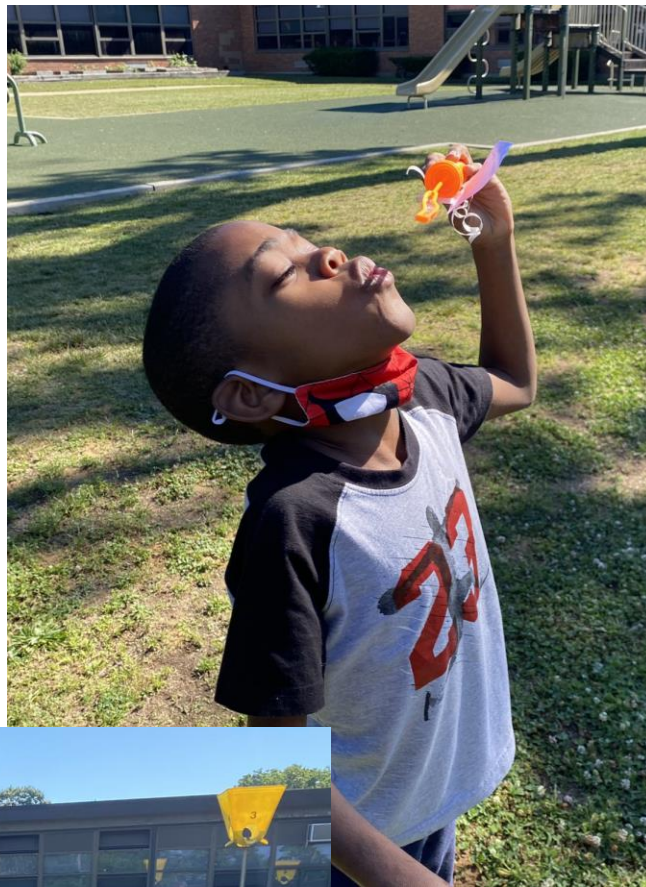
The District has supplied each school with a Clorox 360 System Electrostatic Sprayer. This is a surface treatment system that combines electrostatic technology with a disinfectant product to quickly and easily provide coverage up to 18,000 square feet per hour with one gallon of 15 disinfectant. Hand sprayers will be used to disinfect chairs, desks, and desk barriers.

# Resources

Please visit the district webpage, VS COVID Response, regarding reopening plans for the most current information:







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