



August 19, 2021

Dear CSBC community,

We want to thank you for your continued support and patience while we were awaiting updated COVID-19 guidance and recommendations. Our goal each and every day is to provide our students with a safe and effective learning environment. The following is the district's plan for reopening based on current guidance from the CDC and NYS Department of Education (NYSED) (*as of 8/19/21*). We will continue to monitor local, state and national guidelines and update accordingly.

A. Masks

The CSBC must follow the guidance set forth by the NYSED and the Syracuse Diocese which require masks for all faculty, staff and students while indoors regardless of vaccination status. Masks will be optional outdoors with expectations that physical distancing is maintained when possible. Masks will be required for all CSBC students riding a bus. Masks will also be required for all indoor school sponsored events.

B. Social Distancing

The CSBC will follow the NYSED suggestion recommending physical distancing of at least three (3) feet apart indoors. The district will use additional mitigation measures including but not limited to; mask wearing, screening testing, handwashing, regular cleaning and disinfecting in all buildings and classrooms, and promoting students to stay home when sick. The CDC states that permitting large groups of students to eat in the cafeteria should be based on community transmission rates and school capacities. At this time, Broome County is experiencing higher transmission rates therefore, we will limit the amount of students eating together in the cafeteria.

C. Screening & Mitigation

The CSBC will continue to collaborate with the local health department in regards to contact tracing. According to the NYSED recommendations, daily screenings and temperature checks will not be required. We will continue to offer monthly COVID-19 screenings at SCC similar to last year.

New this year, we will be working with the Broome County Health Department to offer testing for CSBC symptomatic students, faculty and staff. Should a student, staff or faculty member develop COVID-19 symptoms, the Broome County Health Department will provide a test onsite at the specific school with parental consent.



Parents/guardians are encouraged to screen for COVID-19 symptoms prior to their child(ren) attending school each day. Students, faculty, or staff should stay home when they have signs of infectious illness and refer to their healthcare provider for testing and care.

Symptoms include (*per the CDC*):

- Fever/chills, cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

D. Quarantines

The Broome County Health Department is meeting on Monday, August 23, 2021 to determine guidance for quarantining for local school districts. Once we receive the updated guidance we will share this information with our CSBC community.

E. Vaccination Status

Proof of vaccination is not required at this time but an individual may be asked if they are vaccinated during contact tracing. Per the CDC, people who are fully vaccinated do **NOT** need to quarantine after contact with someone who had COVID-19 unless they have symptoms. However, fully vaccinated people should get tested 3-5 days after exposure even if they do not have symptoms, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until their test result is negative.

F. Remote Learning

CSBC will not be offering full-time synchronous virtual learning at this time. Students will be in school five days a week, full time. If there are times that a student(s) and/or classroom(s) are quarantined due to COVID-19 exposure, school staff will determine next steps in regards to remote learning options. We will be prepared to adjust to any future local or state governmental guidance regarding remote learning. If you have questions regarding remote learning please contact your school administrator or covid-19 coordinator.



We will communicate any updates or changes as soon as possible to the CSBC community. We will continue to monitor the local community transmission rate and loosen restrictions as permitted. School specific practices and protocol in support of this document will be forthcoming.

Thank you for continued support and we look forward to seeing everyone soon!

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