



Connetquot Central School District





Reopening Plan
2020-2021

Reopening New York Schools

- July 13, 2020, Governor Cuomo announces metrics for opening schools in New York State: Rolling 14 day infection rate at or below 5%. Schools will close if the regional infection rate rises above 9% using a rolling, 7 day average
- Governor Cuomo will make a decision on schools reopening in September during the week of August 1st
- New York State Guidance on reopening published July 13, 2020
- CDC guidance on reopening published on July 23, 2020
- NYSDOH guidance on reopening schools published July 13, 2020
- NYSED guidance on reopening schools published July 16, 2020



Reopening New York Schools

- “COVID – 19 required schools to make critical adjustments to their instructional model in March 2020 with little or no time to plan. As schools devise their re-opening plans for the 2020-21 school year, plans must address resuming in-person instruction. However, scheduling decisions must be informed by health and safety standards and the most up to date guidance from the New York State Department of Health.”
 - “Plans should address a combination of in-person instruction and remote learning to facilitate a phased-in approach or hybrid model, which may be necessary at various times throughout the 2020-21 school year.”
 - “Students will be prioritized for in-person instruction first or more frequently based on educational or other needs (e.g., early grades, students with disabilities, English language learners), and must balance this with equity, capacity, social distancing, PPE, feasibility, and learning considerations. “
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Elementary Reopening Plan

All students daily in-person instruction



Elementary In-person Instructional Program

- K-5 Daily Attendance – Class sizes no larger than 16 per classroom – socially distanced, masks worn by all – with mask breaks during the day
- K-3 Full day individual classrooms
 - Physical Education within the classrooms, in the gymnasium (if possible), outside (when possible)
 - Art Instruction, General Music Instruction and Library-media sciences Instruction within the classroom
 - Lunch within the classroom, recess in small groups
- 4th and 5th grade broken into AM and PM groups – Supervision split between Teacher and Teaching Assistant and special area teachers – may need to move locations in certain buildings.
- Suspension of AM music program – small group instrumental lessons continue; 3rd grade instrumental instruction revisited in December for potential implementation in spring 2021
- Suspension of choral instruction – to be revisited in December for potential implementation in spring 2021
- Suspension of FLES, CQuest, and pull-out Computer Science and Engineering experience
- UPK will continue with daily instruction
- SCOPE before and after school child care is available***

***This service is paid for independently by the family, not the District.





Secondary Reopening Plan

Hybrid - alternate day in-person instruction
and alternate day virtual instruction











Secondary Hybrid Instructional Program – Middle Schools

- 6-8 Hybrid Instruction:
 - Alternate day assignments grouped by households and class balancing
 - Middle School In-person Instruction *Length of the school day may be abbreviated
 - Students in cohorts as much as practicable.
 - Home room – no lockers, teachers move to students when possible
 - Lunch served in classrooms
 - Small group instruction in music, no ensembles
 - Locker rooms use suspended
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Secondary Hybrid Instructional Program – Connetquot High School

- 9-12 Hybrid Instruction:
 - Alternate day assignments grouped by households and class balancing
 - Connetquot High School In-person Instruction *Length of the school day may be abbreviated
 - Extended passing time with “one way” hall traffic wherever possible
 - Small group instruction in music, no ensembles
 - Lunch served in a variety of spaces; social distancing mandatory
 - Locker rooms use suspended
 - BOCES CTE programs to be determined
 - Students will have a full program of offerings
 - Lockers will only be assigned by request
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Secondary Hybrid Instructional Program – Remote learning (Alternate Day)

- Primary platform – Google classroom
 - Student participation/attendance is required daily
 - Working collaboratively with our Curriculum Directors, Administrators and the Connetquot Teachers' Association to create meaningful and engaging learning virtual opportunities
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Continuation of Education
during intermittent and/or
long term closures








Continuation of Education if Closed – Kindergarten - 5th grade





Remote Instruction

- Prioritization of standards with a focus on math and literacy instruction
 - Minimum of 2 asynchronous mini lessons posted per day
 - Synchronous instruction everyday for targeted small group instruction
 - Student work will be primarily posted in Google Classroom
 - Specials will be scheduled virtually into the student's day
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Continuation of Education if Closed – 6th grade – 12th grade

Remote Instruction

- 9 period schedule of 25 minute periods
 - Synchronous learning during each 25 minute block
 - Student synchronous day from 8:55 AM – 1:20 PM
 - Asynchronous mini-lessons and activities will be posted by 2:00 PM with a due date no sooner than the next day's class period
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Continuation of Education if Closed – 6th grade – 12th grade Schedule

Period	Start Time	End Time
Student Work Time	7:18 AM (7:49 AM)	8:55 AM
1A*	8:55 AM	9:20 AM
2A*	9:25 AM	9:50 AM
3A*	9:55 AM	10:20 AM
4A*	10:25 AM	10:50 AM
5A*	10:55 AM	11:20 AM
6A*	11:25 AM	11:50 AM
7A*	11:55 AM	12:20 PM
8A*	12:25 PM	12:50 PM
9A*	12:55 PM	1:20 PM
Student Work Time	1:20 PM	2:00 PM
Posting of Assignments		2:00 PM

* Synchronous Instruction Time




Instructional Technology

Smart Schools funding application completed.

All students and faculty will be provided with the same Chromebook, once Smart Schools plan is approved by SED.



Parent instruction in platforms – “Summer Skills Series, Parent Edition” has been ongoing all summer. Digital parent academy with live sessions will begin in August. <http://www.ccsdli.org/our-district/summer-skills-series-parent-edition>



In-person instruction for students on utilization of platforms while school is in session.







Transportation

- All parents must screen children prior to arriving at bus stop or school building for fever 100.0 or higher
- Students must maintain social distancing at bus stops
- Socially distanced – one student in each seat where indicated, except if children are from the same household
- Face coverings must be worn at all times when on school buses
- Elementary Staggered bus schedules 20 minutes apart:
 - Cherokee
 - AM 1 – 8:25 AM – 2:35 PM
 - AM 2 – 8:45 AM – 2:55 PM
 - All Other Elementary Schools
 - AM 1 – 9:05 AM – 3:15 PM
 - AM 2 – 9:25 AM – 3:35 PM
- Secondary Schools may need to dismiss earlier to accommodate the additional elementary bus runs. Times yet to be determined.
- **Cleaning and disinfection after all morning runs and all afternoon runs (Hand sanitizers not permissible on buses)**



Health and Safety – Healthy Hygiene Practices

- No person should be present in school if experiencing some or all of these most common symptoms of COVID-19: (per CDC)
 - Fever or chills (100.0 F or greater);
 - Cough;
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
 - Fatigue;
 - Muscle or body aches;
 - Headache;
 - Loss of taste or smell;
 - Congestion or runny nose;
 - Nausea or vomiting; and/or;
 - Diarrhea
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Health and Safety – Health Checks

- All Staff must complete required screening prior to arrival at school;
 - Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
 - Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0 F in the past 14 days?
 - Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the NYS Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?
- The District will provide an electronic QR code by building for this purpose.

Health and Safety – Health Checks





- All Parents/Guardians must complete a **daily** required screening prior to putting their child on a bus or transporting them to school;
 - Our child/ren do not have fever greater than 100.0 F and are experiencing no common symptoms of COVID-19.
 - Our child/ren are not experiencing flushed cheeks, rapid or difficulty breathing, fatigue or irritability.
 - If parents/guardians do not complete this daily temperature check, this will be completed by the school nurse prior to the child's arrival to their classroom.
- The District will provide an electronic QR code for this purpose.
- All Parents/Guardians must complete a weekly attestation stating
 - Have you knowingly been in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19?
 - Have you tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days?
 - Have you experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0 F in the past 14 days?
 - Have you traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the NYS Travel Advisory in the past 14 days?

Health and Safety – Social Distancing

- Classrooms will be emptied of extra furniture to permit social distancing of student desks – desks 6' apart, turned facing the same direction
- Individual student belongings separated
- Physical education, vocal and band instrument instruction 12' apart
- One-way hallways will be created where practicable
- Limited student movement in the hallways as much as possible
- Extended passing time in the HS to account for one-way hallways
- Multiple school entry doors open to decrease density at doorways
- Markings on the floor for visual indication of spacing
- Staggered playground schedules







Health and Safety: Limiting Exposure

- Suspension of
 - Student assemblies
 - Field trips
 - Concerts/performances
 - Dances
 - Suspension of visitors to the buildings
 - Materials dropped off will be left in the security vestibules
 - Students being picked up will be escorted to the security vestibule
 - No afterschool groups utilizing the buildings
 - No meetings
 - Parent/teacher conferences will be virtual
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Health and Safety – Healthy Hygiene Practices

- Hand washing will be scheduled into the day – especially when transitioning from activities – preferable method to limit spread as per CDC
 - Alcohol-based hand sanitizer dispensers will be available throughout the buildings
 - All faculty, staff and students must wear face covering in common areas and when social distancing is not possible. Face coverings preferable to be worn at all times except:
 - Where such covering would impair a student’s health or mental health
 - If anyone is having trouble breathing or is unconscious
 - If a person is unable to remove the face covering without assistance
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Health and Safety – Management of Ill Persons

- Students and staff with symptoms to illness must be sent to the health office for assessments.
 - Schools will have to isolate and dismiss any student or staff member who has a fever or all symptoms of COVID-19 that are not explained by chronic health conditions for a follow up with a health care provider.
 - If a student or staff should become ill with any symptoms of COVID-19, the District will follow Education Law 906; notification of the local public health agency and commence contact tracing, if necessary.
 - All buildings will have two rooms for school health personnel – one room for healthy students and the other for assessing ill students and staff.
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Health and Safety – Management of Ill Persons

- CDC and NYSDOH recommend:
 - Closing off areas used by a sick person and not using the area until cleaning and disinfection has occurred
 - Opening outside doors and windows for increased air circulation
 - Waiting to clean and disinfect as long as possible
 - Clean and disinfect all areas used by the person suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19
 - Individuals without close or proximate contact with the person suspected or confirmed can return to the area and resume activities immediately after cleaning and disinfection

Health and Safety – Management of Ill Persons

CDC and NYSDOH recommend return to school after illness:



- If not COVID-19,
 - return to school once there is no fever, without the use of fever reducing medicines, for 48 hours
 - Written note from a healthcare provider stating they are clear to return to school
- If COVID-19 is diagnosed,
 - It has been at least ten days since the individual first had symptoms
 - It has been at least three days since the individual has had a fever (without using a fever reducing medicine); and
 - It has been at least three days since the individual's symptoms have improved, including cough and shortness of breath

Health and Safety – Cleaning and Disinfection

- The District will follow best practices as outlined by the CDC:
 - “Normal routine cleaning with soap and water will decrease how much of the virus is on surfaces and objects”
 - “Frequent disinfection of surfaces and objects touched by multiple people”
 - “Maintaining logs that include the date, time, and scope of cleaning and disinfection in a facility or area”
 - Cleaning and changing heating/air conditioning system filters prior to school opening, and a minimum of twice more over the course of the year
 - Outdoor areas will be routinely cleaned (All student will wash their hands before and after playground utilization)
 - Cleaning shared gym equipment will be cleaned between uses



Staffing and Budget Considerations

- Elementary and reading certified teachers will be redeployed back into classrooms to staff smaller ratio classrooms
 - Decreased in-person RtI services and non-mandated reading services to children; alternative instruction via individualized computer applications
 - Additional Teaching Assistants, Teacher Aides and Health Aides needed
 - Increased overtime for Bus Drivers
 - Custodians reassigned to time slots when students are in the buildings
 - Will not be able to open the buildings for the community at night
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FAQ

- Will the District be providing virtual learning for students who do not report back for in-person instruction September?
 - The District will be providing a K-5 in-person education and a 6-12 blended model of in-person and virtual instruction in accordance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. These will be the only models offered unless otherwise directed by a Gubernatorial Executive Order. Others may be considered based on individual circumstances.
 - In accordance with Board of Education Policy 1741, parents who decide not to enroll students in the 2020-21 school year, may educate their child(ren) by applying to homeschool their children through the Pupil Personnel Services Director.
- My child has a medical condition that would preclude them from in-person education?
 - Students who provide medical documentation may be entitled to homebound instruction in accordance with Board of Education Policy 4327, which includes application through the Pupil Personnel Services Director.



FAQ

- Will the District offer child care?
 - The District has extended its before and after school care relationship with SCOPE. Provided that there is enrollment, all child care that was in effect last year, remains in effect.
 - How will lunch be provided to students on virtual instruction days?
 - Families of students on virtual instruction days will have an opportunity to “grab” and “go” lunch from their child(ren)’s building(s).
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Opening Day for Students

Thursday,
September 10, 2020