

Union City Area School District Back-to-School 2021

First Day of School – August 31, 2021

School Hours

Elementary School:

Arrival will be the same as in 2020-2021

Dismissal: No Rolling dismissal. Students are dismissed between 2:24 p.m. and busses pull out at 2:30 p.m.

Middle / High School:

Arrival will be the same as in 2020-2021

Dismissal - No rolling dismissal. Students will all be dismissed at 2:40 p.m.

Masks in school?

Masks in School: Masks are highly recommended per CDC guidelines for all individuals who are not vaccinated, but ultimately it is the families'/individual's decision.

Masks in Sports: Masks are highly recommended per CDC guidelines for all individuals who are not vaccinated, but ultimately it is the families'/individual's decision.

Masks on Transportation: PER the CDC public transportation order the district must comply with adhering to masks being worn on school busses by ALL individuals. This order expires on September 13th, 2021, and at that time masking will become parent/guardian choice, but is highly recommended.

Will my child still need to quarantine?

Quarantine: Required per the Erie County Department of Health.

Close Contact: Unvaccinated individuals who are exposed within 6ft of a confirmed positive COVID-19 individual for a length of 15 minutes or longer within 24 hours.

- ***If you are fully vaccinated and voluntarily provide your vaccination status, quarantine will not be required.***

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- *If both parties are masked, the non-positive COVID-19 individual will not be required to quarantine.*

Will we still receive positive case notifications by email?

No, per case notification: Unlike last year, the impacted school building families will not be notified of each confirmed positive COVID-19 case.

Only parent(s)/guardian(s) of students identified as close contacts will be notified.

What will be the same this year?

Cleaning and disinfecting

Hand hygiene and sanitization

Maximum building ventilation

All students will receive an individual learning device (Chromebook)

Students/staff will self-screen prior to arrival to ensure a healthy atmosphere for all.

Has anything changed this year?

Building Closures: At this time, there is no protocol for closures, but we are ready for anything!

Specials: (Art, Gym, Music, etc.): Will resume with sharing of equipment.

Field Trips: Will resume for 2021-2022

Volunteers & Visitors: Healthy volunteers and visitors are welcome back per school board policy.

Lunches: Secondary will go back to their regular setting, but must stay in chosen assigned seat for the duration of the quarter.

Recess: Outdoor group recess will resume.

Extracurricular: Sports and other extracurricular activities will resume. Fans are welcome back!

Lockers/Cubbies: Normal locker and cubby use will resume.

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When students or staff are ill.....

People with COVID-19 have reported a wide range of symptoms (including no symptoms) – these can range from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure to the virus.

The symptoms include:

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

Symptoms such as:

Fever | Sore Throat | Cough | Diarrhea | Nausea or Vomiting | Severe Headache

may be caused by an illness that can spread to others (contagious illness) Anyone with these symptoms should:

1. Stay home
 2. Get tested for COVID-19
- If the test is negative stay home until symptoms have been gone for 24 hours without the use of medication
 - If the test is positive you must isolate for 10 days from symptom onset or from positive test


*If someone is showing any of these signs, seek emergency medical care immediately:

- Trouble breathing
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion
- Inability to wake or stay awake
- Pale, gray, or blue-colored skin, lips, or nail beds, depending on skin tone


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Please see the below protocols per the ECDOH regarding quadrating.



COUNTY OF ERIE
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH



Public Health
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Updated Quarantine Recommendations for Individuals Who Are Not Fully Vaccinated
This does not apply to Healthcare Personnel see PA-HAN 569 for HCP

Individuals who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19, or have not had a positive COVID-19 test within 90 days, and are identified as a close contact of a COVID-19 case must quarantine.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated when 2 or more weeks have passed after the receipt of the second dose in a 2-dose vaccine series, or 2 or more weeks have passed after receipt of one dose of a single-dose vaccine.

Quarantine is used to separate someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. The most protective recommended quarantine period remains at **14 days after the date of last exposure** (Day 0) to a person who is infectious with SARS-CoV-2.

CDC continues to endorse quarantine for 14 days and recognizes that any quarantine shorter than 14 days balances reduced burden against a small possibility of spreading the virus.

The following are options to reduce the 14-day quarantine:

- Quarantine can end on Day 11 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. Symptom monitoring and masking must continue through day 14.
- If diagnostic testing resources are sufficient and available, quarantine can end on Day 8 if a diagnostic specimen specifically RT-PCR) tests negative **AND** if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring. Symptom monitoring and masking must continue through day 14.
 - The specimen must be collected and tested within 48 hours before the time of planned quarantine discontinuation (e.g., in anticipation of testing delays), but quarantine cannot be discontinued earlier than Day 8.

In order to discontinue quarantine on Day 8, specimens must be collected on or after Day 5. Specimens collected prior to this date will not be sufficient to allow quarantine to end early. Persons can discontinue quarantine at these time points only if the following criteria are also met:

- No clinical evidence of COVID-19 has been elicited by daily symptom monitoring during the entirety of quarantine up to the time at which quarantine is discontinued; AND
- Daily symptom monitoring continues through quarantine Day 14; AND,
- Persons need to adhere strictly to masking through Day 14 after exposure
 - If any symptoms develop, they should immediately self-isolate and contact the ECDOH or their healthcare provider to report this change in clinical status.

[Science Brief: Options to Reduce Quarantine for Contacts of Persons with SARS-CoV-2 Infection Using Symptom Monitoring and Diagnostic Testing](#)
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