



Tewksbury Township Schools 2021-2022

Safe Return to School Plan

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NJDOE Requirements

The New Jersey Department of Education released a 'Safe Return Plan' template for in-person instruction and continuity of services for all schools to plan for the 2021-2022 school year. Schools must indicate how they will maintain the health and safety of students and staff as we address the following areas:

- Mask wearing
- Social distancing
- Hand-washing
- Cleaning of facilities
- Contact Tracing
- Health Screening
- Vaccines
- Services to students with disabilities

At this time, no guidance has been provided by the NJDOE to schools regarding the requirement of mask wearing, social distancing, and other health protocols for the 2021-2022 school year.

Health and Safety

Tewksbury Schools will follow requirements for masking, social distancing, screening, and contact tracing directed to us by the NJDOE and NJ Department of Health.

Our school will continue to encourage hand-washing and clean our facilities to prevent the spread of illness.

The NJDOE does not require students and staff to get vaccinated. The district will provide information to families and staff about access to vaccines.

Academic and Social-Emotional Learning

We are planning a full return to school in the 2021-2022 school year. This will include a traditional school schedule and all programming, including extra-curricular sports and clubs. We hope to encourage all students to join one extracurricular activity next school year to support SEL.

Programs to support students social-emotional health will be expanded. This includes the OTS advisory program and the TES Open Circle program.

ESSER Grant funds will allow us to add an extra help program before-school or after-school. This program will support students' academic and social-emotional needs with small group and individual instruction or counseling.

Communication with Families and Staff

Information on CDC, NJDOE, and Department of Health requirements will be shared with the community as soon as districts are notified. The district will continue to send emails and/or alerts over the summer months, as new information is provided that impacts school plans. All communication will also be posted to our district website.

You can see the 'Safe Return to School Plan' and the revised '2020 Return to School Plan' located on our district's website.