



Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

Emergency Operations Plan

[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)

*****SUBJECT TO CHANGE*****

As of 8/31/2021

Strategy	Requirement
Vaccination	<p>Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are currently not eligible for vaccination.</p> <p>Vaccinations are highly encouraged but not required.</p> <p><u>Vaccination opportunities</u> will be shared on our district website when available.</p>
<u>Consistent and Correct Mask Use</u>	<p>Indoors: Universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Outdoors: People who are not fully vaccinated should wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people.</p> <p>Transportation: Masks are required while on buses regardless of vaccination status.</p> <p>Meals: Masks may be removed while eating and socially distanced.</p> <p>Band/Chorus: Masks may be removed while playing an instrument or singing during chorus. Social distancing will be implemented.</p>
Physical Distancing	<p>3 feet social distancing should be maintained between students.</p> <p>6 feet social distancing should be maintained between students to staff.</p> <p>6 feet social distancing should be maintained between staff to staff who are not fully vaccinated.</p> <p><small>In general, CDC recommends people who are not fully vaccinated maintain <u>physical distance</u> of at least 6 feet from other people who are not in their household.</small></p>
Multi-Layers of Protection	<p>Implementing layered prevention strategies protects students, staff, and members of their households, as well as supports in-person learning.</p> <p>When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies.</p>
Screening Testing	<p>S-VE is partnering with Tioga County Department of Health to implement Screening Testing as needed. Once this becomes available, more information will be shared.</p>
Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette	<p>All students and staff will be trained to follow COVID-19 protocols safely and correctly, including but not limited to hand hygiene, proper face covering wearing, social distancing, and respiratory hygiene.</p> <p>Hand hygiene stations will be maintained, including handwashing with soap, running water, and disposable paper towels, as well as an alcohol-based sanitizer containing at least 60% alcohol for areas where handwashing is not feasible.</p>

<p><u>Ventilation</u></p>	<p>Bringing fresh outdoor air into a building helps keep virus particles from concentrating inside.</p> <p><u>School buildings</u> rely on open doors and windows, child-safe fans and HVAC/air filtration systems.</p> <p>Buses rely on open windows and roof hatches, when safe.</p> <p>All occupied spaces will have an operable system to bring outside air into the space and that those systems are maintained to operate in accordance with the original design.</p>
<p>Staying Home When Sick and Getting Tested</p>	<p>Signs and symptoms of COVID will be shared with staff and families.</p> <p>Students and staff should stay home if they are exhibiting symptoms, utilize the Cayuga Medical Screening tool, and call the school and their healthcare provider for next steps.</p>
<p><u>Contact Tracing</u></p>	<p>S-VE will collaborate with the local health departments to identify which close contacts of a COVID positive test should isolate or quarantine.</p> <p><i>Each Department of Health will be responsible for all COVID communications through a COVID Liaison, employed through each County DOH.</i></p>
<p>Cleaning and Disinfection</p>	<p>S-VE will clean and disinfect daily. More frequent disinfection will take place in high traffic areas and when individuals present COVID symptoms.</p>
<p>Education</p>	<p>Students will be in-person learning 5 days a week unless quarantined.</p>
<p>Visitors</p>	<p>Access to the buildings will be limited to essential visitors. All visitors will follow protocols in place.</p>
<p>COVID Questionnaire and Tele-Health</p>	<p>We will not be utilizing the Cayuga Medical Screening tool on a daily basis, temperature checking, or COVID questionnaires. <i>Cayuga Medical will continue to offer a Telehealth Option for staff and students through Cayuga Virtual Care for COVID related concerns. Appointments can be book through the following link:</i></p> <p>https://register.cayugahealth.com/patient-registration/telemed</p>
<p>Athletics</p>	<p><i>We will follow Section IV protocols.</i></p>