



# HOLMDEL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## **Safe Return Plan - updated December 2023**

### **MASKING:**

*The HPS will continue to follow the guidance of applicable Federal, state, and local governmental, educational, and health departments with regard to the wearing of masks. It is important to note that Holmdel schools have effective HVAC systems, specialized cleaning protocols, and a low experience rate of COVID-19.*

### **PHYSICAL DISTANCING:**

*HPS will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state, and local government and health department guidelines. Students' families will continue to be allowed to opt out of transportation to and from school. Before and after school care options will follow all applicable safety guidelines.*

### **HANDWASHING:**

*HPS will follow the applicable Federal, state, and local government and health department guidelines. The district will observe handwashing and respiratory protocols. Where and when appropriate, the District will prepare and maintain hand sanitizing stations with alcohol-based hand sanitizers (at least 60% alcohol) or other approved sanitizers. These stations will be located: a) in each classroom (for staff and older children who can safely use hand sanitizer); and b) at entrances and exits of buildings; near lunchrooms and toilets. Children ages five and younger will be supervised when using hand sanitizer.*

### **CLEANING AND MAINTAINING HEALTHY FACILITIES, INCLUDING IMPROVING VENTILATION:**

*HPS will follow the applicable Federal, state, and local government and health department guidelines for cleaning and ventilation and is prepared with supplies for the 2023-2024 school year including industrial sanitizing wipes, soap, and hand sanitizer. The district will implement established cleaning/disinfecting schedules, target areas to be cleaned, and observe approved methods and materials to be used. These methods and materials are posted on the District website. Schools will sanitize bathrooms daily, or between use as much as possible, using protocols outlined by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).*



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## **CONTACT TRACING IN COMBINATION WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE, IN COLLABORATION WITH STATE, LOCAL, TERRITORIAL, OR TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS:**

*In collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments - the district will continue to follow the applicable Federal, State, and local government and health department guidance with regard to contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine.*

## **DIAGNOSTIC AND SCREENING TESTING:**

*HPS will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state, and local government and health department guidance with regard to diagnostic and screening testing.*

## **EFFORTS TO PROVIDE VACCINATIONS TO EDUCATORS, OTHER STAFF, AND STUDENTS, IF ELIGIBLE:**

*The district has and will continue to provide information to staff and the school community about local vaccination opportunities. The district has and will continue to work with the Monmouth County Department of Health to advertise, provide support, and a location for a vaccination clinic for eligible students. The district has also established partnerships with local medical providers who have worked with the district to provide opportunities for staff to receive vaccinations. The district will look to continue these partnerships in order to provide as many vaccination opportunities as possible to staff and students during the 2023-2024 school year.*

## **APPROPRIATE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND SAFETY POLICIES:**

*HPS will continue to follow the applicable Federal, state, and local government and health department guidance with regard to appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies. The District will utilize appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities. Any accommodations according to that student's need or IEP will observe all applicable Federal laws and regulations.*



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## **Continuity of Services**

*To ensure continuity of services, Holmdel Township Public Schools plans to allocate funds to address learning loss through learning centers in grades 7-12, before and after school programs in grades K-12, and comprehensive summer programs in grades K-12. HPS will ensure that services provide opportunities for increased support for the academic, social, emotional, and mental health needs of all students. HPS will take adequate measures to ensure that those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are supported. The district will also utilize grant funding to provide programs that attend to students' social and emotional needs.*

## **Public Comment**

*Public commentary on this plan was vetted in part at Board of Education meetings, Board Committee Meetings and through Parent Councils with the Superintendent and core administrative team.*

## **Plan Accessibility**

*The language of the Safety Plan was vetted through central administrators and shared with Board of Education members who provided input and suggestions. The plan is posted on the website. Our ELL teachers and our Supervisor of World Languages are available for translation for parents who have any questions on the plan. We also have community members who can support additional translation needs beyond the previously described services.*

## **Guidance, Professional Learning and Technical Assistance**

*The Holmdel Township School District will continue to provide professional development for staff in mitigating learning loss and by centering service learning opportunities around social-emotional learning and differentiated instruction. We will also nurture our data literacy culture so that we are responsive to students' needs. We will continue programming for our after school programs in grades K-12 and our comprehensive summer programs throughout the district. The district will place continued emphasis on those students disproportionately impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.*



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***Provide a current link to the district's website where the plan is posted.***

<https://www.holmdelschools.org/domain/13>