

## A MESSAGE FROM DR. WORTHAM, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



To our Roosevelt community,

We are excited to safely welcome our students back on Thursday, September 2, 2021, for full-time, in-person instruction. As always our unwavering priority will be the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. To help clarify District protocols, we put together the following comprehensive Reopening Roadmap, which will be implemented Districtwide to foster a safe learning and work environment for our students, employees, and their families. The Roadmap is the

culmination of the District's diligent work collaborating with health officials and gathering insight from Board members, parents, students, faculty, and staff over several months. More detailed information will be available on the District website. Each building principal will also be providing school-specific information in subsequent messages.

Foremost, we will be following the CDC guidelines regarding social distancing, contact tracing, cohorts, and masking. Therefore, the District will require face coverings to be worn indoors by all students, employees, and guests regardless of vaccination status, which is strongly recommended by the New York State Education Department (NYSED). Below are reference links for more information:

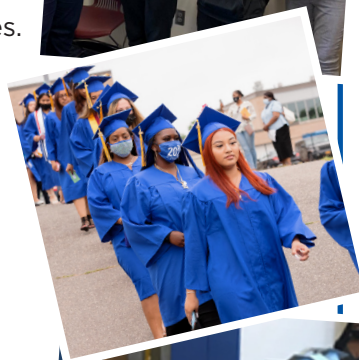
- **NYSED Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- **CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools**

As we have seen throughout the pandemic, guidance will change based on infection rates. We will communicate any new or additional guidance from the CDC and NYSED. There will also be several opportunities for the community to share feedback throughout the year as conditions change.

We remain devoted to implementing systems that keep students engaged, motivated, and healthy—physically, socially, and emotionally—and put them in the best position to succeed in the classroom, society, and beyond. There is no substitute for in-person learning, and we are looking forward to a year of continued academic growth with our students back in the classroom.

Be well,

Dr. Deborah L. Wortham



# TEACHING & LEARNING



## 100% In-person instruction

Schools will return to in-person instruction for all students starting Thursday, September 2, 2021. Following Centers for Disease Control, American Academy of Pediatrics, Department of Health, and NY State Education Department guidance that prioritizes in-person instruction, the District will not have a full-year remote learning program. The District will work with individual families to determine next steps if a medical exemption is requested for remote learning.



## Daily schedule

All schools will return to regular bell schedules.

All elementary schools: 8:15 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Middle school: 7:40 a.m. - 2:26 p.m.

High school: 8:00 a.m. - 2:34 p.m.



## Devices

Each student will have his or her own device and devices will travel with the students to be used in classrooms and at home. Families needing assistance with internet connectivity should contact [LearningSupport@rufsd.org](mailto:LearningSupport@rufsd.org).



## Cohorting

Students will follow a cohort model, following CDC guidelines, allowing for easier contact tracing and reducing disruptions to in-person learning. More details about what contact tracing will look like can be found [here](#).



## Social-emotional wellness interwoven throughout the curriculum and culture

The District and schools will focus on social-emotional wellness and health while engaged in the teaching and learning process (creating cultural capital.)



## Available instructional resources

Teaching and learning digital resources will continue to support both synchronous and asynchronous learning, through the use of digital learning platforms and video-conference services.



## Extracurricular activities + performing arts

Extracurricular activities and performing arts (example: chorus and band) will return, following CDC guidelines for safe practices.



## Reinstating high-leverage instructional practices

The District will reinstate instructional practices that make the overall learning experience as normal as possible.



## State assessments

The District continues to follow guidance by the New York State Education Department when it is released.



## Expanded Learning Time

The District is actively seeking partners to provide before and after school experiences. Information will be provided as soon as it is available.



## Snow Day Pilot Program

Learning will continue through remote instruction due to weather and non-weather emergencies (including but not limited to fire, snow, and flooding) when school is closed unexpectedly.

To keep updated on events and happenings in the Roosevelt School District, visit:  
**[www.rooseveltufsd.org](http://www.rooseveltufsd.org)**

# OPERATIONS & SAFETY



## Masks required indoors + outdoors

There will be universal masking (indoors) by all students, staff, teachers, and visitors, regardless of vaccination status. Mask breaks will happen frequently throughout the day based on the capacity of each classroom.



## Social distancing

RUFSD will return to pre-pandemic classroom capacity and follow CDC recommendations which will allow for 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms and 6 feet between students and staff.



## Temperature checks

All those entering our buildings will continue to be required to complete a temperature check. Those with a temperature above 100.1 degrees will not be admitted until fever free for at least 24 hours (with no fever reducing medicine).



## Health screening through app

All students and staff will complete a COVID-19 screening questionnaire through an app before school each day.



## High level of cleaning and disinfection continues

Cleaning and disinfection measures implemented last year will continue into SY 2021-2022. School buildings and buses will be cleaned at least once a day. If someone tests positive for COVID-19, the areas they have been will be disinfected immediately.



## Meals + eating areas

The District will continue to provide access to free meals to all. There will be multiple ways of eating employed in each building based on its available spaces (example: classroom, cafeteria, foyer, cafe).



## Desk shields will remain

For the start of the school year, desk shields will remain in place in K-8 classrooms.



## Lockers and locker rooms

Lockers and locker rooms will be used again.



## Fields and facility applications

Fields will be used again for outdoor sports. Facility applications from outside organizations will again be received and reviewed. CDC guidelines must be followed.



## Safe transportation

All transportation will return to regular schedules. Masks will be worn at all times with windows cracked open on the buses, weather permitting.



## Ventilation

The district will employ the following strategies to improve ventilation in buildings:

- Buildings will continue to maintain building code-required ventilation as designed.
- Increased HVAC fresh air supply for improved ventilation in the buildings.
- Air filters will be changed quarterly and the highest filtration (MERV) recommended by the manufacturers will be used.
- Bringing fresh outdoor air into the buildings by opening multiple doors and windows where possible and safe.



## Employee vaccination + testing

The District encourages all staff to become vaccinated but at this time does not require it. Recently appointed Governor Kathy Hochul will be issuing state-wide guidance on a requirement for employee vaccination soon. Updates will be provided as they are available.



## Testing for COVID-19 + Quarantine

All schools will have a nurse and a designated isolation and triage space. Nurses will follow CDC guidelines for reporting the positive case, contact tracing, and determining who should quarantine. COVID-19 testing will be provided as needed through Around the Clock (ATC).



## Isolation Rooms

Isolation rooms will be used in all buildings:

- Roosevelt HS: Community Room
- Roosevelt MS: 1340
- Centennial: 1004
- Ulysses Byas: Family Welcome Center
- Washington Rose: Family Welcome Center



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## SUPPORT



### Counselor sessions

Counselors will meet individually with students and push in to classrooms for full group as well as small group sessions. Students and families are able to request support from a counselor or social worker by contacting their school principal. The community liaison is also available to connect students and families with external support organizations.



### Newly appointed Elementary counselor

The counselor is central to the success of students.



### Increased family partnerships

Working to increase partnerships (Parent University, Parent Focus Groups, Principal and Superintendent Community Circles, Parent & Student Survey).



### Student check-ins

Regular check-ins with students to collect their feedback over time.



### Vaccination vans onsite

Vaccination vans. A link to sign up and authorization information will be sent out when it is available.

### Resource support

The District has support programs to provide utility, phone, and internet assistance for eligible families in need. Use this form to apply for assistance.

### Additional Resources for Families

Isolation rooms will be used in all buildings:

- Helping your Child Learn About Feelings
- Getting Ready for School:  
Talk With Your Child Everyday
- Getting Ready for School:  
Smooth and Successful Transitions
- Getting Ready for School:  
Writing with your Child Everyday

Your comments and feedback are important and continue to help inform our planning. Please provide feedback on our reopening plan throughout the school year using the link below or scanning the QR code.



[bit.ly/RUFSDReopen21Feedback](https://bit.ly/RUFSDReopen21Feedback)