

Covid-19 Mitigation Strategies
<Foster School District Captain Isaac Paine Elementary School>
Date Submitted:

Checklist	Policy
1. What kind of symptom screening will your LEA/school conduct for students, teachers, and staff and how will you implement it?	We have repeatedly shared the symptoms of COVID with students, staff, and families and we ask our families to families and staff to self-assess. To facilitate reporting we established and publicized an email address and telephone hotline for our families to report positive COVID-19 results. We also screen for symptoms and offer students and staff the opportunity for testing by our school nurse.
2. Has your LEA/school integrated these isolation protocols into illness policies?	They have been integrated into our practices.
3. What quarantine protocols will your LEA/school plan to implement for people who are not up to date with their vaccines/not exempt from quarantine for other reasons?	Our district is following the recommendations of the CDC and the RIDOH Guidance dated 8-25-22 which states: "Quarantine is no longer recommended for those exposed to COVID-19, except in high-risk congregate care and healthcare settings."
4. Which strategies will your LEA/school have in their testing program?	Our school offers on-site testing to students and staff as per the RIDOH Playbook recommendations which state. "RIDOH recommends school policies and programs prioritize use of antigen tests, including self-test kits, because they are highly accessible. Pooled PCR testing remains a good option for large-scale screening testing." We also offer a Test-to-Stay program to mitigate the need for isolation and at-home learning. We asked our parents to sign permission slips authorizing testing. When a child or staff member displays symptoms we recommend they be tested and offer to do so in-school. We also recommend that students and adults who may have been exposed to a positive case get tested and also provide tests when asked.

<p>5. Which strategies for masks/face coverings will your LEA/school have in their policies?</p>	<p>The policy passed by the Foster School Committee states: "Face coverings are recommended, but not required for any students, employees, and school visitors at Captain Isaac Paine School or using Foster School Department transportation unless they are necessary to comply with federal or state law." Accordingly, we follow RIDOH Guidance which states: "Under the prior guidance, students and staff who tested positive for COVID-19 needed to isolate at home for at least 5 full days, and then were able to leave isolation if wearing a high-quality mask for an additional 5 days. Under the new guidance, people may remove their mask after leaving isolation if they get two negative antigen tests in a row 48 hours apart with the first test on day 6 at the earliest." We are also following the recommendation that face coverings be worn in the nurse's office.</p>
<p>6. How will your LEA/school optimize ventilation?</p>	<p>Air circulation in our classrooms is provided by Unit Ventilators (UVs) and Energy Recovery Ventilators (ERVs) that refresh the atmosphere in our classrooms. For optimal performance our facilities department utilizes the highest rated filters outlined in the manufacturers' specifications. We also open our windows, weather permitting, as an extra layered mitigation strategy. And finally, we use free-standing portable HEPA filters that were obtained from the State of RI.</p>
<p>7. What physical distancing measures will your LEA/school plan to use? Note: This is recommended at high community levels</p>	<p>Our district is following the recommendations of the CDC and the RIDOH Guidance dated 8-25-22 which states: "Quarantine is no longer recommended for those exposed to COVID-19, except in high-risk congregate care and healthcare settings."</p>
<p>8. LEA/School will utilize CDC guidance for cleaning, disinfection, and hand hygiene guidance.</p>	<p>Confirm</p>
<p>9. LEA/School will promote COVID-19 vaccination to school community, including teachers, staff, household members, and eligible students.</p>	<p>Our district promoted and advertised vaccination clinics statewide and in our district. We hosted clinics in our school and advertised clinics in neighboring communities. We will continue to periodically share information on vaccination.</p>
<p>10. LEA/School will provide appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>
<p>11. LEA/School will revise/continue to follow sick policies aligned with current guidance, and communicate it to staff, students, and families.</p>	<p>Confirmed</p>

12. LEA/School will communicate information to staff, students, and families in their preferred language or easiest mode of communication.	Confirmed
13. Please include URLs to external documents or school policies, as applicable.	N/A