An aerial photograph of a school campus. The central feature is a large, circular building with a curved facade. To the right, there are several sports fields, including a baseball field and a larger field with a track. The campus is surrounded by green trees and parking areas. The text is overlaid in a bold, blue font.

**Holbrook Public Schools**  
**2021-2022**  
**Return Back to School**  
**Learning Plan**

# Introduction to the FRBTS Learning Plan

## What does this mean?

*On July 30th, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH) released a joint memo on COVID-19 Guidance for Districts and Schools - Fall 2021. As outline in this memo, all schools are required to be in-person, full-time, five days a week for the 2021-2022 school year, and all previously released DESE health and safety requirements are lifted.*

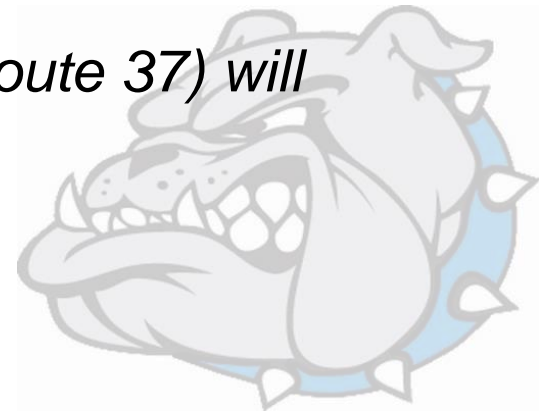
*The following plan outlines how Holbrook Public Schools has planned for the safe return to in-person learning while keeping everyone safe.*



# Notification of Changes

## How will stakeholders be notified if this plan is to change?

- ★ *The Superintendent of Schools, Julie Hamilton, will issue a Connect-ed call to all families.*
- ★ *The Principals, Mallory Stevens and Stefanie DeRosa, will send out an email and text alert to students at both schools.*
- ★ *All updates will be posted on school and district websites.*
- ★ *All updates will be posted on school and district Facebook pages, as well as other social media outlets.*
- ★ *The information board on the front lawn of the campus (visible from Route 37) will have the information posted electronically.*

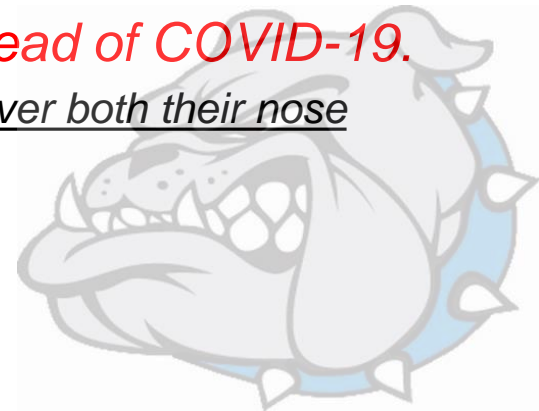


# Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 scenarios

## What safety protocols are in place for a safe return to school?

**\*\*As per Commissioner Riley's press release from August 24th-All students and staff are required to wear masks when indoors.** (*Exceptions will be made for students with medical, behavioral, or other challenges who are unable to wear masks/face coverings*).

- *Staff and students, with the assistance of families, must monitor themselves for symptoms daily. Staff and students should follow the response protocols outlined later in this presentation for symptomatic individuals.*
- ***Masks are among the most important single measures to contain the spread of COVID-19.***
  - *At this time, all staff and students are required to wear masks that adequately cover both their nose and mouth.*
  - *Masks will be available for any staff or student who does not have one.*



# Protocols for Responding to COVID-19 scenarios

## What safety protocols are in place for a safe return to school?

- *Hand hygiene is critical.*
  - *Students and staff are required to exercise hand hygiene (hand washing or sanitizing) upon entering and leaving the classroom, before eating, before putting on and taking off masks, and before dismissal.*
  - *Due to safety, students will not be allowed to bring their own hand sanitizer to school.*
- *Assigned seating.*
  - *Assigned seating will be given in the classroom, pull out special education groupings, the bus, and in the cafeteria/gymnasium.*



# Mask Mandate Lifted February 28, 2022

## Do students and staff need to continue to wear masks?

Last week, the State of Massachusetts lifted the indoor mask mandate for all schools, effective after February 28th. While wearing a mask is a personal choice, **and will be respected by ANY individual within our learning community** (at any time), the Holbrook Public Schools will be implementing the mask-optional decision after February 28th. This decision, supported by the school committee was arrived at by looking at our rate of positive COVID cases (data trends) and speaking with our school health staff. Again, for any student, faculty or staff member who chooses to wear a mask, we have them readily available upon request.

**Masks are still required in the school health offices. Masks will be readily available outside the health office doors for any student needing to visit the school nurse.**



# Air Quality and Ventilation

## What is the air quality and ventilation like in our schools?

*The entire Holbrook Public School campus exceeds the state requirements for air filtration. The rooftop unit filters are MERV 14 which is a step up from the recommended MERV 13 filters.*

*Additional information on the ventilation system is available upon request.*



# PPE Materials

## What PPE materials will be available and utilized?

*Masks will be available for any student or staff member who wants one. Face shields, and plexiglass dividers are also available.*

*Extra no touch thermometers have been purchased for each health office.*

*There will be hand sanitizer in every classroom and in various common areas of the building (cafeteria, gymnasium, entry ways, bathrooms, etc.)*





# Protocols for Entering the Building (Parents)

## What safety protocols are in place for parents to enter the building safely?

*Due to the health risks associated with COVID-19, parents/guardians will have limited access into the building during the school day. As the year progresses and is safe to do so, parents/guardians will be able to have more access to the building to attend concerts, musical performances and sporting events.*

*If a parent/guardian has a question or needs to speak to any staff member, we encourage the use of email and phone as a primary source of communication. Walk in meetings will not be allowed.*



# Protocols for Entering the Building (Parents) cont.

**What safety protocols are in place for parents to enter the building safely?**

*Parents or guardians who are picking up a sick student or dismissing a student will sign their child out through the vestibule window. Their child will then be escorted/sent out to meet with their parent/guardian at the door.*



# Instruction

## What will my child's day look like?

*Students at JFK will participate in their normal daily academic schedule which includes Reading, Phonics, Writing, Math, Science, Social Studies, and specials (i.e. art, music, physical education, computer, and library).*

*Students at the HMHS will participate in their normal daily academic schedule.*



# Classrooms

## What will a typical classroom look like?

*Classroom setups will be “typical” as no restrictions are currently in place.*

*Students will have assigned seating in each classroom.*

*There will be 1 teacher’s desk, a podium and, in some cases, a small group table.*

*Rugs and fabric items will not be permitted at this time.*

*Classrooms will be stocked with hand sanitizer, wipes and/or spray bottle with mist spray solution, extra masks, and gloves. (Additional PPE will be available for our high needs population and health offices.)*



# Breakfast & Lunch

## What will breakfast and lunch look like?

*We are highly encouraging the use of [MySchoolBucks](#) to avoid handling money.*

*Students at JFK will select their lunch option(s) and snack choices (if applicable) in the morning as they enter their homeroom. Teachers will report total lunch counts to the cafeteria.*

*At both schools, students will eat lunch at their assigned lunch time at tables in the cafeteria under staff supervision.*



# Recess

## What will recess look like at JFK?

*Students at JFK will have recess each day at their scheduled time.*

*As always, we encourage students not to bring toys or equipment from home.*



# Meetings

**How will the school conduct parent teacher conferences and/or team meetings?**

*Parents/Guardians will be provided the option for a virtual or in-person conference. As parent teacher conferences approach, communication around plans will be communicated by the building principals.*



# After School Activities

## Will after school activities take place?

*As of now, all after school clubs will resume.*

*The Champions after school program will be running under their own (EEC approved and Holbrook BOH approved) protocols and guidelines.*





# Schooling Options

**What options do I have if I wish to keep my child home in the fall?**

*Homeschool: Families continue to have the option to homeschool as they do each year with an approved homeschool program/curriculum.*

*Families looking for more information should contact Bridget Baker at the Central Office at 781-767-1226 ext. 21482 or [bbaker@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:bbaker@holbrook.k12.ma.us).*



# Health Office

## What happens if a student is sick or not feeling well?

*The school nurse will utilize and be equipped with all recommended PPE safety materials.*

*The teacher will call the nurse to describe the nature of the child's sickness prior to sending the child down to the health office.*

*Normal health room procedures will take place for typical health room visits (i.e. toothache, bump, medication, etc.).*

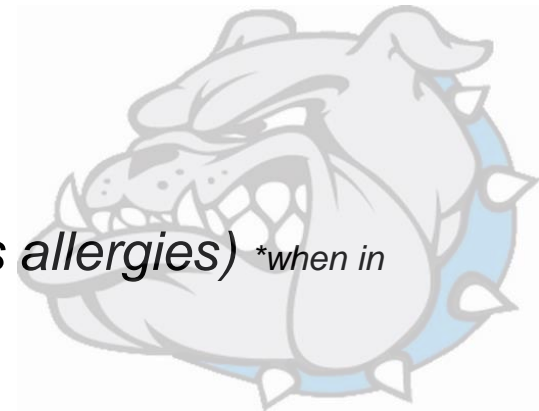
*If Covid-19 symptoms are described, the school nurse will respond accordingly by wearing the appropriate protective gear.*



# COVID-19 Symptoms

**What are the symptoms for which caregivers should monitor their children, and staff should monitor themselves?**

- ***Fever (100° Fahrenheit or higher), chills, or shaking chills***
- ***Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath***
- ***New loss of taste or smell***
- ***Muscle aches or body aches***
- ***Cough (not due to other known cause, such as chronic cough)***
- ***Sore throat*** \*when in combination with other symptoms
- ***Nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea*** \*when in combination with other symptoms
- ***Headache*** \*when in combination with other symptoms
- ***Fatigue*** \*when in combination with other symptoms
- ***Nasal congestion or runny nose (not due to other known causes, such as allergies)*** \*when in combination with other symptoms



# TESTING/PROTOCOLS

The protocols that are currently in place are subject to change as the Holbrook Public Schools have been approved to conduct “Test and Stay” protocols for Fall. Once the training of staff is complete and the program is ready to begin, information will be sent home to families around what this means for close contacts, quarantining and mitigation of time on learning.

In accordance with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and the Department of Public Health (DPH), our district is updating our COVID-19 Testing Program, effective in early February (February 2, 2022 we began ). We are opting into an at-home testing program that will increase testing of our participating students and staff, regardless of vaccination status. For more information about this update to the statewide testing program, please [click here](#). In addition to this new at-home antigen test option, we will continue symptomatic testing during the week.

As part of this shift in the program, we are discontinuing Test and Stay and discontinuing contact tracing for in-school close contacts. This means that if your child is a potential contact in school, you will not be notified, and they may continue to come to school and do not have to be quarantined. This new at-home testing opportunity is voluntary and only those who opt-in will receive tests. We strongly encourage you to fill out the form to opt-in. The link to opt-into the new testing protocol is posted below. Please click on the link and follow the steps to opt-in. If you have questions, please contact your school’s nurse.

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# Testing and Quarantine Response Protocols

## What are the recommended testing and quarantine response protocols?

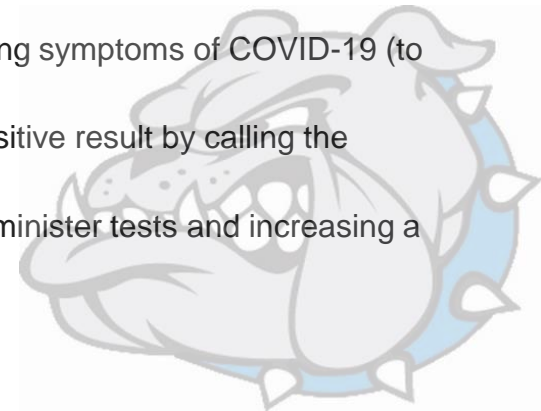
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COVID-19 Testing Programs in our Schools:

1. Weekly at-Home Rapid Antigen Testing (\*for those who opt in to the program only)
2. Symptomatic Testing (If you have not yet signed up, see school website for link)

Overview: At-Home Rapid Testing Program

- About the Test: [iHealth](#) is a 15-minute at-home FDA-approved rapid antigen test
- Opt-In: To participate, you must opt in by completing this [Google Form](#). By opting in, you will agree to review the training materials for test administration, report positive test results to your student's school, and administer the tests according to the Holbrook Public School's guidelines.
- Weekly: Every two weeks you will receive an iHealth at-home rapid test kit. Each kit contains two individual tests. Your student will administer one test each week on Wednesdays, but should use their second test IF they become symptomatic after the first test was administered.
- \*\*If you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 90 days, you should only use a test kit if your child is actually experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 (to avoid a false positive outcome)
- Reporting Positive Test Results: If your student tests positive on an at-home antigen test, you will inform their school of the positive result by calling the school nurse. Results will be kept confidential. Any negative test result does not need to be reported to school.
- Easy, Free, and Flexible: This test is administered at home (not at school), reducing the burden on school staff and time to administer tests and increasing a family's flexibility to do testing in the home for free.



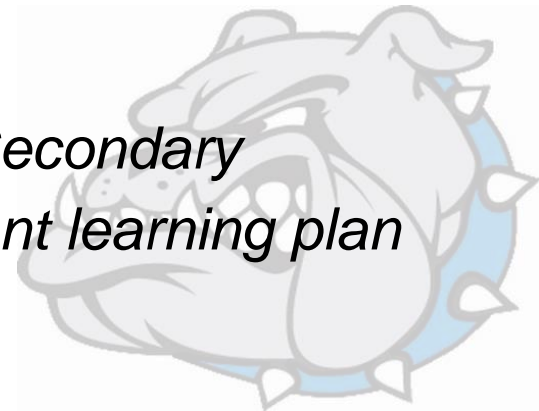
# Frequently Asked Questions

**If the district goes into remote learning, will technology be made available to all students?**

*Students at HMHS already have chromebooks, and devices will be provided to JFK students on an as-needed basis. Students with no existing access to technology will receive a loaner device to facilitate their learning.*

**How will the district decide if we need to move to another learning plan (for safety)?**

*HPS will work hand-in-hand with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and our local Board of Health to determine when/if a different learning plan is necessary.*



# JFK Family Resources

## Who do I contact if there is a question or problem?

*During a Full Return Back to School, families may need to contact JFK for a variety of reasons.*

- *If families need to update contact information, email, phone or address, please contact Mrs. Franchi ([bourgea@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:bourgea@holbrook.k12.ma.us)), or call 781-767-4600 ext. 5*
- *If there is a health concern, illness, absence due to symptoms of COVID-19, or food insecurity, contact Nurse Walker ([rwalker@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:rwalker@holbrook.k12.ma.us)), or call 781-767-4600, ext. 11161.*
- *If there is a concern related to the social emotional wellbeing of your student, contact your student's Adjustment Counselor.*
  - *Casey McMahon*    [cmcmahon@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:cmcmahon@holbrook.k12.ma.us)
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# HMHS Family Resources

**Who do I contact if there is a question or problem?** *During a Full Return Back to School, families may need to contact HMHS for a variety of reasons.*

- *If families need to update contact information, email, phone or address, please contact Mrs. McLaughlin ([smclaughlin@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:smclaughlin@holbrook.k12.ma.us)), or call 781-767-4616 ext. 31021*
- *If there is a health concern, illness, absence due to symptoms of COVID-19, or food insecurity, contact Nurse Froio ([ifroio@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:ifroio@holbrook.k12.ma.us)) or Nurse Ventosi ([kventosi@holbrook.k12.ma.us](mailto:kventosi@holbrook.k12.ma.us)), or call 781-767-4616 ext. 31211*
- *If there is a concern related to the social emotional wellbeing of your student, contact your student's Adjustment and Guidance Counselors.*

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