

Understanding COVID-19 Protocols for 2021-22 at OBEN



Health & Safety

- *Universal masking will be required for all students and staff when indoors.*
- *Masks will not be required when outdoors and may be removed during meals and brief mask breaks.*
- *There will be a minimum 3-6 feet of physical distancing between students in classrooms.*
- *Desk shields will not be used in classrooms.*
- *Daily health screening submissions will not be required.*
- *Daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms, buildings and buses will continue.*
- *Frequent hand-washing and respiratory hygiene will continue to be encouraged among students and staff.*
- *Students who cannot medically tolerate mask must seek accommodation through the 504 process.*



Instruction

- *All students will return to five days per week of in-person instruction.*
- *Elementary specials (music, art, library and physical education) will take place in traditional settings.*
- *Lockers will be available.*
- *There will be no hybrid or remote option.*
- *Back-to-School Nights as of now will be virtual.*
- *Visitors to the schools will be limited. Any visitors will be required to wear a mask.*



Contact Tracing

- *The district will continue to contact trace for COVID-19 cases and report positive cases to the Nassau County Department of Health.*
- *Parents or guardians will be notified if contact tracing of a positive case results in their child being deemed a close contact.*
- *Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must remain in isolation for 10 days from the date of symptom onset or test date if asymptomatic.*
- *Students in a classroom who are within 3 to 6 feet of a student who tests positive for COVID-19 are excluded from the definition of a close contact and not required to quarantine if both students were wearing masks.*
- *Individuals who are fully vaccinated do not need to quarantine after contact with a positive case unless they have symptoms.*



Transportation

- *Students, bus drivers and driver assistants will be required to wear masks while riding on the school bus.*
- *Bus windows will remain open, when possible, to increase fresh air and improve ventilation.*
- *Members of the same household are encouraged to sit together.*
- *Buses will be regularly sanitized.*



Food Services

- *School lunch will be available for free to all students.*
- *Outdoor recess will occur without cohort restrictions.*

After-School Activities



- *After-school programs and extra-curricular clubs will be in place in accordance with health and safety protocols.*
- *Athletics will continue in the fall. As of today, COVID testing of athletes will not be required.*
- *Concerts, plays and ceremonies will return with consideration for capacity limits.*

Please note this guidance is in effect as of August 25, 2021.