



COVID-19 Reopening Plan for School Year 2021-2022

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Introduction

At the heart of Randolph Academy's mission are students whose emotional & educational needs are best met through high quality, specially designed instruction and supports provided in-person within our school's nurturing and therapeutic environment. We will continue to follow all guidance from the New York State Governor's Office, Department of Health, and Education Department and work collaboratively with all stakeholders in our school community to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing.

Guidance used to develop this revised plan can be found here:

DOH/NYSED Joint Guidance Document & FAQ

[school-guidance-03.01.22.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

[school-guidance-faqs-for-schools_03.01.22.pdf \(ny.gov\)](#)

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

[Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools | CDC](#)

Universal Masking

Randolph Academy recognizes the removal of required universal masking for all staff, students, and visitors in our school buildings. The option to mask will be at the discretion of the student and their families and we will work together to uphold our norm of respect for one another's masking choice.

In accordance with the NYSDOH, Randolph Academy recommends students, staff and teachers wear masks when:

- They feel more comfortable wearing a mask for personal reasons.
- They were in the same room within the school as someone diagnosed with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or longer and were thus exposed or potentially exposed, when group contact tracing is used (see below).
- They are known to have been exposed to COVID-19 in any setting within the previous 10 days.
- They are moderately-to-severely immunocompromised and have discussed the need to mask with their healthcare provider(s).

Symptomatic Individuals

Symptomatic individuals, regardless of vaccination status or recent infection, should stay home until tested and if positive or not tested, should isolate for 5 days, or until other criteria are met for school attendance (e.g., resolution of fever), whichever is longer. Randolph Academy will continue to offer testing supplies to students who become symptomatic while in school, until supplies are no longer available.

Exposure

Randolph Academy will ensure communication regarding mitigation strategies when individuals are exposed to COVID-19 to avoid further spread. Whenever someone in school – student, staff or teacher – is determined to have been exposed or potentially exposed, the individual should be tested for COVID-19 as follows:

- Consider testing immediately upon learning of the exposure or potential exposure
- At least 5 days after the last date of exposure or potential exposure, regardless of vaccination status,
- If the individual is not fully vaccinated and attending or working at school after an exposure or potential exposure, frequent testing (e.g., daily, every other day, at least twice within 5 days) from the date of the exposure or potential exposure (Day 0) through at least day 5 should be strongly considered and encouraged,
- Exclude from school if a test is positive and/or exclude from school and test as soon as possible if symptoms develop,
- Exception: Individuals with lab-confirmed COVID-19 within the past 3 months do not need to get tested unless they develop symptoms

Contact Tracing

To mitigate the spread of COVID-19, individuals identified as a close contact will be notified. This includes school staff, students, and their parents/guardians whenever an individual was identified as being exposed. The [CDC definition of a close contact](#) will be utilized to determine which individuals should be contacted. Randolph Academy will implement contact tracing and return to school and work protocols in accordance with the [New York State Quarantine and Isolation Guidance](#).

Surveillance Testing

School staff/teachers who are not vaccinated are still required to complete weekly surveillance testing as established in 10 NYCRR 2.62. Randolph Academy will continue to work with affected individuals to meet this requirement.

Questions or concerns regarding the implementation of this plan should contact:

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