



# School Opening Safety Measures

Sweet Home Central School District

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**Welcome!**

**This Webinar is being recorded and will be placed on our Website.**

**There will be a presentation of the safety guidelines followed by a question and answer period using the chat feature in Zoom. Please wait until after the presentation so we can get to all of your questions.**





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## Opening Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year

- All guidelines are subject to change. If so, we will host future Webinars to explain the changes.



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## Opening Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year

- The district is committed to returning to in-person instruction five days per week for all students in the safest manner possible.



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## Opening Plan for the 2021-2022 School Year

- Sweet Home built our plan working directly with the Erie County Department of Health and in conjunction with the CDC guidelines for opening schools and the recommendations from the American Academy of Pediatrics to develop our plan.



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## Sweet Home Central Opening Plan Items for Consideration

- The health, safety and wellness of our students in our opening plan is of the utmost priority as we bring all students back for in-person instruction, five days a week.
- Guidance and/or mandates from the Erie County Department of Health provide a clear cut roadmap for returning all students to in-person instruction safely.
- We are striving for full, in-person instruction **everyday** of the 2021-2022 school year and will take safety measures to do so.



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## OUR ASK OF YOU..

Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.



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## Masking

### ● Indoors

- Mandated for all individuals who enter a Sweet Home building, no matter your vaccination status.
- Mask breaks are allowed for five minutes per hour.
- Masks are to be removed during meals if students are sitting 3 feet apart.
- Exceptions exist for the medically compromised. Documentation must be provided.

### ● Outdoors

- Strongly recommended. We are asking all individuals that are outside on Sweet Home grounds to physically distance as much as possible.

### ● Transportation

- All who enter and ride on a bus must be masked





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## Distancing

- **Students**

- 3 feet of distancing when possible with mask wearing, regardless of vaccination status

- **Close Contacts and Quarantine**

- Unvaccinated students within 3 feet for a cumulative total of 15 mins in a 24-hour period at a time when a case was infectious will be quarantined, regardless if masks were worn. Fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine.

- **Teachers and Staff**

- The same rule applies. However, the distance is 6 feet.

- **Band, Chorus and Orchestra**

- Projecting the voice
- Wind Instruments



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## Health Monitoring

- Daily Screenings
  - Daily screenings, including temperature checks and a questionnaire will continue. It is critical that they are completed daily.
  - Any individuals that present a temperature of 100 degrees and or reports a COVID-like symptom at school will be placed in an isolation room for further screening.





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## Return to School Protocols

### DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL IF THEY EXHIBIT SYMPTOMS

- **COVID-19 Like Illness**
  - Negative test must be provided. At-home testing is not allowed and a PCR test is highly recommended. OR
  - A note from a medical provider with an alternative diagnosis. OR
  - 10 days after the onset of COVID-like symptoms.
- **COVID-19 Positive Case**
  - 10 days after COVID-19 symptom onset or 10 days from the first positive test if asymptomatic. AND
  - Fever free for 24 hours with no medical assistance. AND
  - COVID-19 symptoms are improving.



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## Athletics

- **Indoors**
  - Masks must be worn by spectators.
  - Players must wear masks when not engaged on the field of play and as tolerable during play.
- **Outdoors**
  - Strongly recommended. Maintain distancing when possible. Mask when not engaged in physical activity.
- **COVID-19 Case on Team**
  - Unvaccinated players and coaches are on pause for 10 days from last exposure.
  - Vaccinated players and coach are allowed to participate in all team activities as long as they are symptom free.





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## Proximal and Surveillance Testing Layer

- Parental consent is obtained.
- Proximal testing is conducted on a classroom that has a positive case.
- Surveillance testing is randomized testing of 10 percent of the unvaccinated population on a weekly basis.
- The county will provide a medical professional to run the testing program.



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## Cleaning and Disinfecting

- Cleaning and disinfecting once per day sufficiently removes viruses that may be on surfaces.
- If a positive case presents itself in a facility, that area will be cleaned and disinfected immediately.

## Ventilation

- Sweet Home employs the latest in ventilation systems, building and room wise.
- Units incorporate the latest airflow technology and house MERV filters to trap virus.





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## Start and Stop Times for the 2021-22 School Year

- **Elementary Schools**
  - All students, K-5 grade
  - 8:30 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
- **Middle School**
  - All students, 6-8
  - 9:15 a.m. to 3:45 p.m.
- **High School**
  - All students, 9-12
  - 7:30 a.m. to 2:06 p.m.



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## Question and Answer Session

Please type your question in the chat box. We will get to all that we can!

