

**Canaan Schools
Covid Response Plan
School Year 2021-2022
Updated 2/1/2022**

The goal of the Essex North Supervisory Union (ENSU) Covid Response Plan is to maintain full in-person instruction throughout the school year while striving to transition to a time when addressing outbreaks of Covid-19 is more like managing the impacts and disruptions of seasonal influenza. The Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health acknowledge that Covid-19 cases and clusters will continue to occur in Vermont and elsewhere, which is why this year they will be issuing a series of advisory memos rather than formal guidance documents. We will use these advisory memo's as they are drafted, to drive health and safety measures for students and staff as we prepare to return to school this fall.

The ENSU Covid Response Plan for School Year 2021-2022 will be considered a live document and will continue to evolve as new directives are shared from the Agency of Education and Vermont Department of Health.

Covid-19 Prevention Strategies for the Opening of Schools

Stay Home When Sick

Students and Staff who are sick should stay home. All students and staff should stay home if they:

- Show symptoms of Covid-19
- Have a fever greater than 100.4F or
- Is currently in quarantine due to close contact with an individual with Covid-19 or in isolation due to testing positive for Covid-19

Students and Staff who develop signs of illness while at school, will be sent home as soon as possible, and will be isolated from other students and staff until they can go home. Parents are encouraged to plan ahead for childcare needs if a student is unable to be in school due to illness.

School Nurses will use the [COVID-19 Pediatric Flow Chart](#) in partnership with pediatric providers and families to guide medical decision-making

Presumptive Close Contacts

If you have been identified as a presumptive close contact to a person that has tested positive for COVID-19 follow the guidance found here; [What to do if you are a close contact](#)

Testing Positive for COVID-19

If you test positive for COVID-19 follow the guidance here. [What to do if you test positive for COVID-19](#)

Face Masks

Face masks are recommended to be worn by staff and students.

Covid-19 Testing

Free rapid test kits are available for staff and students upon request with either the school nurse or the administrative assistant to the principal.