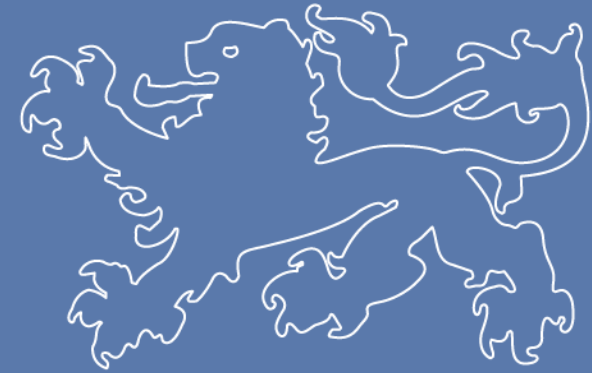




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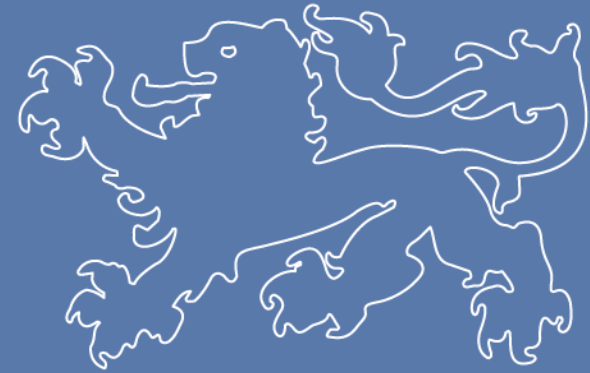
RETURNING AND IN-SCHOOL GUIDELINES





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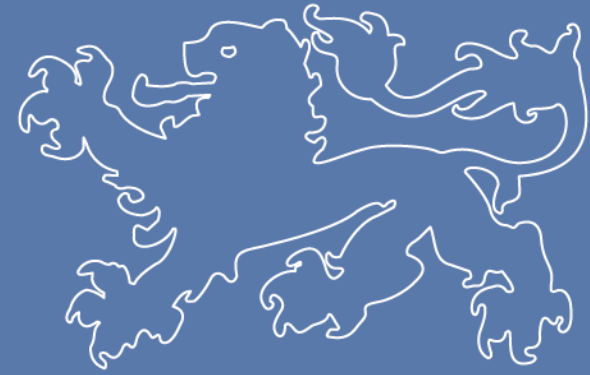
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Introduction

We are delighted to welcome students back to campus for the 2021-22 academic year, and while we had hoped to see the pandemic in the rearview mirror, we must reopen with important health and safety protocols in place. Compiled based on the information gathered from education and health experts, our plan guides our operations and will be updated, as needed.

We want to remind everyone of the importance of maintaining the health and safety of our community to keep our School open and our students learning and thriving. Additionally, some families who were not in New York last year will be returning and their children will shift from learning virtually to joining us on campus. For these families, implementing some of our health and safety guidelines will be new.

Please keep in mind that due to the nature of the pandemic, future developments regarding New York's infection rates may require changes based on mandates from New York State and City authorities. We are well prepared to respond immediately to any and all potential COVID-19 scenarios and restrictions that may arise.



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Testing, Travel, and Quarantine

All faculty, staff, and students in Kindergarten-grade 12 are required to submit a negative COVID-19 PCR/molecular test result received within 72 hours prior to their first day on campus. For those testing outside of Dwight, we encourage you to inquire with your provider and consider testing earlier than you may have originally planned to ensure that you receive the results in a timely fashion.

Testing for preschool 2s, 3s, and PreK students is NOT required to return to School. Community members who have been diagnosed as having COVID-19 in the past 90 days are exempt from testing for reentry to School, including following international travel or exposure to COVID-19. A positive test result must be submitted in Magnus to be exempt from further testing for the 90-day period from the date of the positive test.

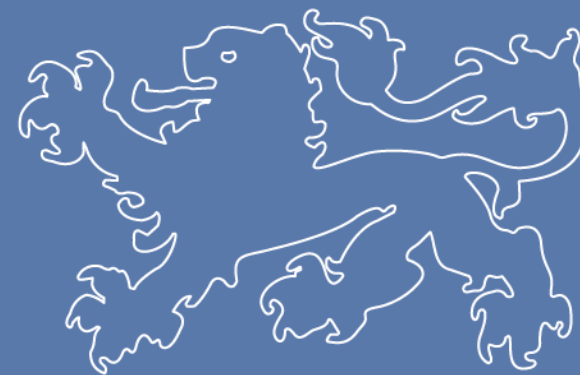
Please see more information about ongoing testing, beginning on page 7.

Permissible Tests

Throughout this Plan, we mention COVID-19 testing and required negative results. All tests must be PCR/molecular tests. We do not accept rapid antigen test results. Whenever possible, we recommend that community members utilize our onsite clinics conducted with our partner, Quality Laboratory Services (QLS), which provides results to us within 48 hours, with very few exceptions.

Click [here](#) for more information about offsite options for COVID-19 PCR testing throughout the five boroughs.

After the initial testing for re-entry to School has been met, the information below will help guide you to comply with the requirements for returning to School following travel or exposure to COVID-19 during the academic year.



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Conditions for Return to School Following International Travel

Test Only

Students, faculty, and staff members are required to seek diagnostic testing for COVID-19 no sooner than three days from their return to New York to ensure they are not COVID positive. They must follow these guidelines:

- Vaccinated and unvaccinated students and employees may continue to attend School/work after returning from international travel
- Must be tested no sooner than three days after returning to New York (may return to School while the test result is pending)
- Submit the PCR/molecular test result in Magnus once it is received

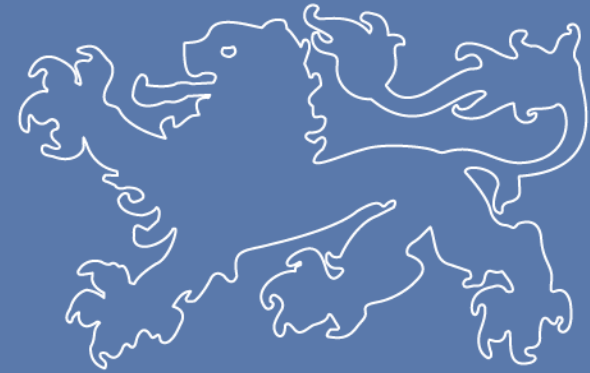
For Domestic travelers testing and quarantine are **NOT** required for vaccinated or unvaccinated students and employees. They can return to school/work after returning from domestic travel, but must continue to monitor symptoms for 14 days.

Conditions for Return to School Following COVID-19 Exposure

Quarantine and Test

If a student who is unvaccinated was unmasked when exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (less than 6 feet for 15 minutes within a 24-hour period in the past ten days), and the exposed student is NOT experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, the exposed individual may return to School upon:

- Completing the self-quarantine requirement as directed by the DOH (ten days from last contact with the infected individual), and
- Receipt of a negative PCR/molecular test result from a test conducted no sooner than three days from exposure



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If a student who is unvaccinated was masked when exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (less than three feet for 15 minutes within a 24-hour period in the past ten days), and the exposed student is NOT experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, the exposed individual may return to School upon:

- Completing the self-quarantine requirement as directed by the DOH (ten days from last contact with the infected individual), and
- Receipt of a negative PCR/molecular test result from a test conducted no sooner than three days from exposure

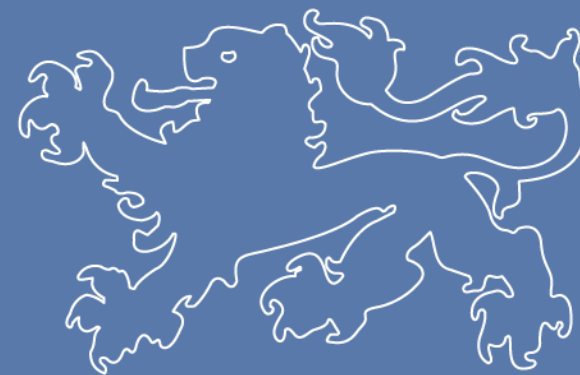
If a faculty or staff member who is unvaccinated was masked or unmasked when exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (less than six feet for 15 minutes within a 24-hour period in the past ten days), and the exposed student is NOT experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, the exposed individual may return to School upon:

- Completing the self-quarantine requirement as directed by the DOH (ten days from last contact with the infected individual), and
- Receipt of a negative PCR/molecular test result from a test conducted no sooner than three days from exposure

Test Only

If a community member who is vaccinated was masked or unmasked when exposed to a person who tested positive for COVID-19 (less than six feet for 15 minutes within a 24-hour period in the past ten days), and the exposed person is NOT experiencing COVID-19-related symptoms, the exposed individual must follow these guidelines:

- Continue to attend school/work after returning to School/work after the known exposure
- Test no sooner than three days from last contact with the infected individual (may return to School while test result is pending)
- Submit the PCR/molecular test result in Magnus once it is received



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The travel guidelines require all New Yorkers, as well as those visiting from elsewhere, to take personal responsibility for compliance in the best interest of public health and safety. For general inquiries, call the New York State hotline: 1-888-364-3065. Should additional changes from New York State authorities arise, we will update you.

Ongoing Testing

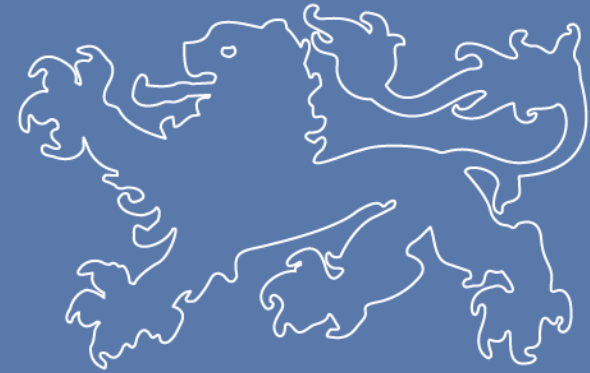
Ongoing testing is a critical strategy in our efforts to maintain the health and safety of our community. Our onsite clinics will utilize the PCR nasal swab test and have a reliable 48-hour turnaround time for results.

For anyone testing outside of Dwight clinics, tests should be conducted on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. Students, faculty and staff may return to School while results are pending (Wednesday-Friday), but results must be received, reviewed, and approved in Magnus no later than 5 pm on Sunday for clearance to return on Monday. No one will be permitted to enter School buildings without submitting a negative test result.

The testing plan for various groups is provided here and subject to change:

- **Small Wonder parents/caregivers who are unvaccinated** must be tested every week through our onsite clinic or elsewhere. Those who are vaccinated are not required to be tested regularly.
- **Preschool 3s-Kindergarten students** must be tested once every three weeks with more specific information to come.
- **Students in grades 1-7 (under age 12)** must be tested every three weeks at Dwight's onsite clinics or elsewhere.



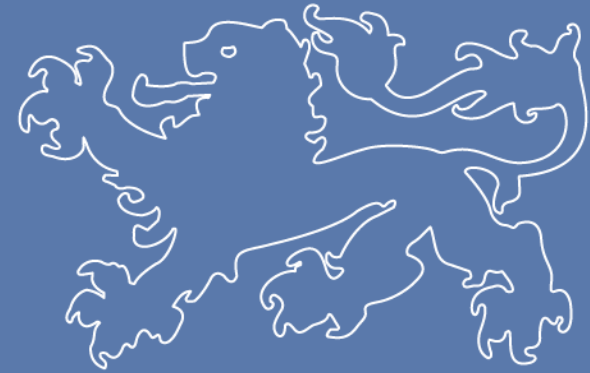


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- **Students age 12 and older who are unvaccinated** must be tested every two weeks at an offsite location of the family's choice.
- **Administrators, faculty, and staff who are vaccinated** and cross multiple grades and spend significant time with students must be tested once every three weeks.
- **Specialist teachers who are vaccinated** and cross multiple grades, Pre-K-grade 7, must be tested once every three weeks.
- **Substitute teachers who are vaccinated** must be tested once every three weeks.
- **Faculty and staff who are unvaccinated** with approved medical exemptions must be tested every week through our onsite clinic or elsewhere.
- **All other vaccinated faculty and staff who do not fit into the categories above** may test voluntarily, but are not required to do so.

Additional onsite testing may be organized when there's cause for concern around potential exposure at School. We know that individuals concerned about potential exposure outside of School are testing on their own at local clinics as well.

We will share a Dwight onsite clinic schedule soon, with the first clinic for a portion of the community occurring on September 23.



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Actions to Ensure Health and Safety

COVID-19 Project Manager

Claudia Irco continues to oversee the implementation of all COVID-19 protocols. She works closely with our Director of Facilities, and the entire Senior Leadership Team, as well as our COVID-19 Task Force teams made up of various faculty and staff members.

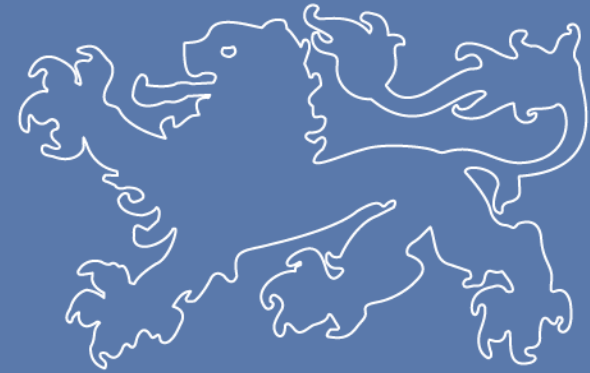
Dedicated Health Practitioners

Our onsite health practitioners direct healthcare efforts on our CPW/Main and Riverside Campuses, as well as at our Athletic Center. They have additional support to ensure that we can properly address the needs of all community members at all times, including administration of approved medicines; treatment of typical issues that arise; and, of course, COVID-19-related practices.

Daily Screenings

We are counting on you, our families, to partner with us, so that we are all responsible for keeping our community safe. Faculty, staff, and parents of all students from preschool-grade 12 are required to complete a COVID-19 daily screening submitted via Magnus mobile app every morning before arriving at School. The screening questions include daily temperature, signs and symptoms, and potential exposure to anyone recently diagnosed with COVID-19.





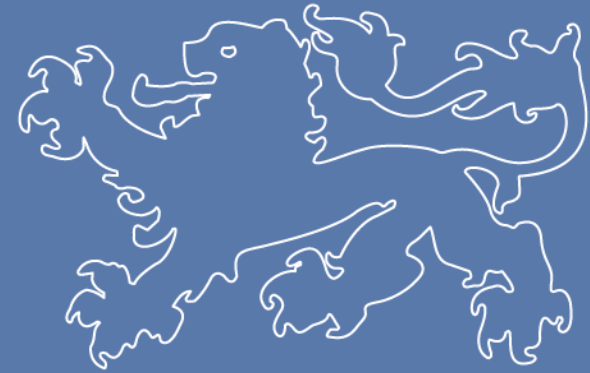
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- Faculty and staff who arrive at work but forgot to complete the daily screening at home are required to complete it on the spot before entering the School building.
- For Pre-K-grade 5, parents/caregivers must display the GO screen for children to enter School each day.
- For grades 6-12, parents who sent their child to School, but forgot to complete the daily screening at home are required to complete it prior to the student's entry and send a screenshot of the results to their child's phone to verify upon entry, or via email to their child's Division Head.
- For parents of students (preschool-grade 12) taking private buses and the Dwight shuttle, drivers/chaperones will ask to see the daily screening "GO" message before the child can board. Students will not be allowed to board the bus without the "GO" screen response.
- Everyone boarding the Dwight shuttle and private buses will have a temperature check by a non-contact thermometer and will be asked to put on their face mask before boarding. If an individual registers 100°F (37.8°C) temperature, he/she will not be permitted to board the shuttle or bus.

Face Mask Requirements

Dwight's policy requires that every individual wear a face mask on School buses and during school, with exceptions for very young students as outlined below. For students who cannot tolerate face masks due to special health conditions (requiring a doctor's note), or when they need to be removed during meals, medical screenings and treatments, or mask breaks, dividers (sneeze guards) will be employed in addition to physical distancing. You may review the full mask policy [here](#), including examples of acceptable and prohibited face masks.





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Students:

- Students in **preschool 2s** are not required to wear masks; however, if your child is comfortable wearing one, you are strongly encouraged to send a mask and a spare to School.
- Students in **preschool 3s and Pre-K** should come to School with a mask and a spare. When napping, eating, and socially distanced within the classroom, preschool students are allowed to take off their masks.
- Students in **kindergarten-grade 5** are required to wear a mask. When eating, while physically distanced and using sneeze guards within the classroom, students may take off face masks.
- Students in **grades 6-12** are required to wear masks. When socially distanced and eating with sneeze guards within the classroom, students are allowed to take them off.
- We ask that all families (except those in the preschool 2s) provide their children with two masks each day: one to wear and one as a spare.

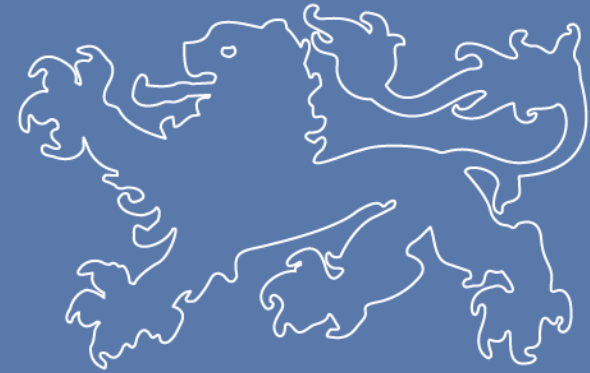
Faculty and staff:

- Dwight provides every employee with a surgical mask at the start of the school year. In addition, KN95 masks and gloves are provided upon request throughout the year.

Ventilation

We continuously maintain the highest standards in air flow/ventilation:

- A specialized firm replaces the Merv filters in our HVAC system periodically
- All classrooms, offices, and bathrooms are equipped with HEPA air purifiers with UV sanitizers



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Facility Cleaning Measures

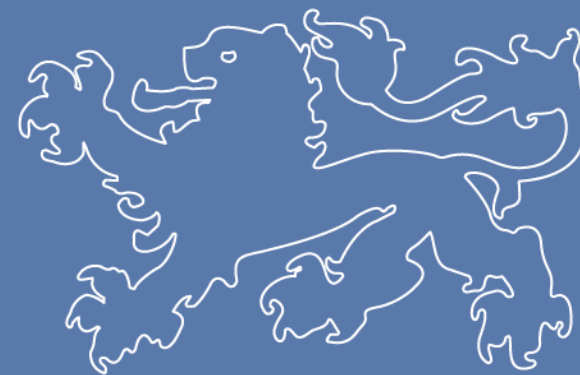
In addition to meeting local and state mandates, under the direction of our COVID-19 Project Manager, we implement the following in all facilities:

- An ample supply of School-related PPE, including face masks, face shields, hats with removable shields, isolation gowns, and gloves
- Classrooms and common areas are stocked with a COVID Kit, containing gloves, surgical face masks, a non-contact thermometer, hand sanitizing wipes, and vomit bags
- Consistent deep cleaning of all facilities throughout each school day, utilizing ECOLAB as the main disinfectant, with the addition of an outside contractor to provide additional capacity to our Maintenance team
- Signage outlining social distancing parameters and hygiene requirements, including frequent handwashing
- Individuals with skin sensitivity to disinfecting solutions or liquid sanitizers are directed to wash their hands immediately upon entering
- Hand-free sanitizer dispensers are strategically placed in each classroom and all common areas

Restroom Modifications

- Signage indicating the maximum capacity is posted on restroom doors
- Wherever possible, to comply with ADA regulations, Dwight installed barriers between toilets and sinks to reduce the risk of aerosolization in bathrooms that are not single-use facilities.





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- Toilets have been refitted with lidded seats; signage behind each toilet reminds all to close lids before flushing.

Review the complete bathroom policy [here](#).

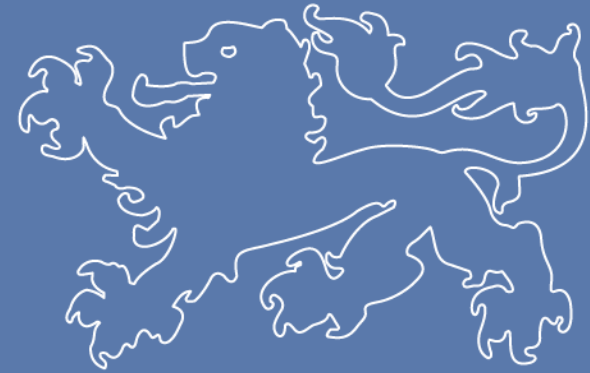
Bus and Shuttle Policies and Procedures

To ensure safe transportation, Dwight added new bus routes serving our student population, incorporating the health and safety policies and protocols in place for both private bus and Dwight shuttle services outlined [here](#). Additionally, Dwight designed carpooling options and secured discounted parking garage spaces for faculty and staff.

Adults and students must wear a face mask when traveling on a School bus/shuttle, and when dropping off/picking up students from School or at bus stops. Bus drivers are required to wear gloves when they have direct contact with students. Prior to departure, all students, drivers, and chaperones must submit a COVID-19 daily screening via the Magnus mobile app.

- For parents of students (preschool-grade 12) taking private buses and the Dwight shuttle, drivers/chaperones will ask to see the daily screening “GO” message before the child can board. Students will not be allowed to board the bus without the “GO” screen response.
- Everyone boarding the Dwight shuttle and private buses will have a temperature check by a non-contact thermometer and will be asked to put on their face mask before boarding. If an individual registers 100°F (37.8°C) temperature, he/she will not be permitted to board the shuttle or bus.
- Health Office personnel (CPW/Main Campus and/or Riverside Campus) will always be notified if any passengers are denied access to the bus due to a registered fever of 100°F (37.8°C) or above with a non-contact thermometer or a COVID-19 daily assessment “STOP” response.



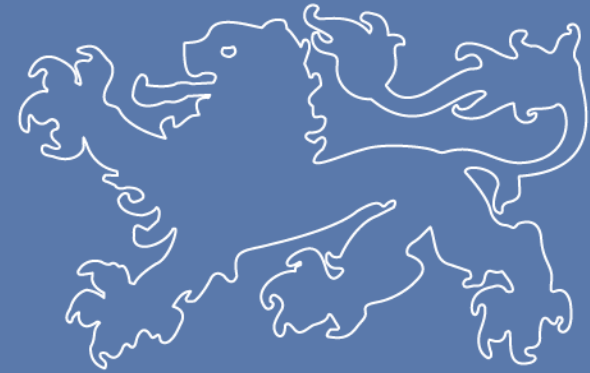


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- All buses have sanitizing fluid and COVID-19 Kits, which include: one non-contact thermometer, gloves, face masks, hand sanitizing wipes, and vomit bags. Supplies will be replenished as needed.
- All transportation staff are up to date in their CPR/AED & First Aid training/certification.
- All buses are cleaned/sanitized twice a day, and as needed if soiled with bodily fluids (saliva/vomit/blood/urine). A log is kept for tracking cleaning dates/times.

Drop-off/Pick-up Procedures

- Parents drop off and pick up children outside the main entrances or at bus stops except for preschool 2s parents participating in the separation process.
- When the separation process for preschool 2s families concludes in mid-October, preschool 2s parents/caregivers will be allowed in the building for drop-off and pick-up only; they will not be allowed in classrooms.
- Exit times are staggered to reduce density. Each grade has an allocated time to exit a building and a designated entrance/exit.
- Outside every School entrance, students, faculty, and staff are directed to maintain physical distance while they wait to enter and exit the building during arrival and dismissal.
- Preschool-kindergarten classes are dismissed according to their staggered schedule. Adults are asked to gather outside in their classroom's designated area. Teachers escort students to their adults for dismissal.



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Physical Distancing

Dwight strives to maintain appropriate physical distancing while on buses, in School facilities, and on School grounds. Wearing masks and consistent use of barriers (sneeze guards) help mitigate risk in areas where physical distance cannot be maintained.

Throughout School Buildings:

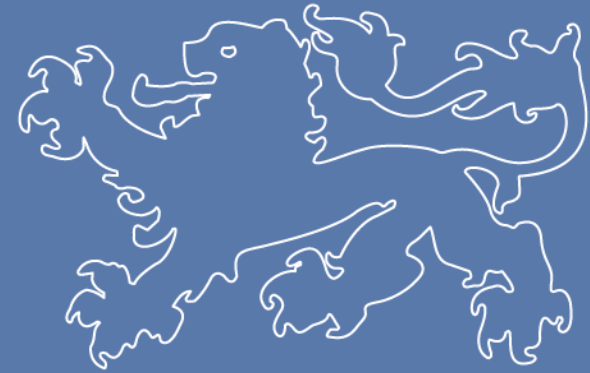
- Signage will help to maintain physical distancing throughout buildings.
- Larger areas in the School are used so that bigger classes can physically distance (e.g., Quad, gyms, lunchroom, and the Great Hall).
- In Preschool, Kindergarten, Lower School, and art classrooms, wherever possible, students will have individual supplies such as pencils, markers, and crayons to avoid sharing.

Health Office Protocols

Health offices include Health Suites (isolation rooms) and space for social distancing.

- Health Offices are used to care for a student, faculty, or staff member who needs medical attention for routine daily medication administration, health consultation, injury, or any reason that is not related to acute illness.
- Health Suites are used to care for students, faculty, or staff who develop acute illness, including COVID-19 symptoms during the school day.

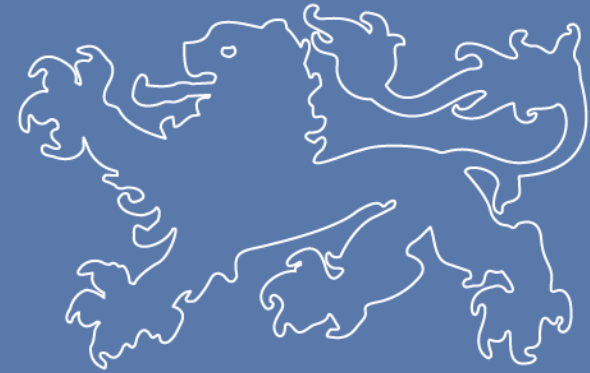




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- If a student gets sick during the school day, the supervising adult may use the COVID-19 Kit non-contact thermometer to assess his/her temperature. Faculty and staff may also use the non-contact thermometer to check their own temperature.
 - If the individual registers a temperature below 100°F (37.8°C), and has no symptoms, he/she will continue their regular daily routine.
 - If the individual registers a temperature at or above 100°F (37.8°C), with or without other symptoms, Health Office personnel must be notified.
- Health Office personnel will measure the individual's temperature with a mouth or ear thermometer, assess for symptoms of COVID-19, and determine whether or not he/she needs to leave School.
- If a student, faculty, or staff needs to go home, he/she will remain in the Health Suite until picked up or self-dismissed:
 - Preschool-grade 7 students must be picked up within one hour by an emergency contact.
 - Grades 8-12 students may be picked up within one hour or self-dismissed with parental consent.
 - Faculty, and staff may be picked up or self-dismissed.
- Individuals with severe symptoms, including fever at or above 100°F (37.8°C) who are unable to be picked up within one hour will be transported to a medical facility. Dwight personnel will accompany the individual in an ambulance and remain until an emergency contact arrives.
- Students with severe asthma symptoms who need nebulizer treatment will need to go home or see their healthcare professional. Nebulizer treatment will not be administered at School to reduce the risk of aerosolization. Students, faculty, and staff with a history of moderate to severe asthma conditions are required to carry their prescribed Metered Dose Inhaler (MDI) during School.





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Students must store an additional MDI with a personal chamber (or spacer) in the Health Office as back-up. All medications must be administered in the Health Office under supervision.

School Visits and Parent Events

- With the exception of the phase-in and separation process for preschool 2s families, parents and visitors are not allowed on campus unless approved in advance by the administration.
- Back-to-school nights and parent-teacher conferences, like many events, will be conducted virtually.
- If/when guidelines change, we will conduct some events in person with safety protocols in place.

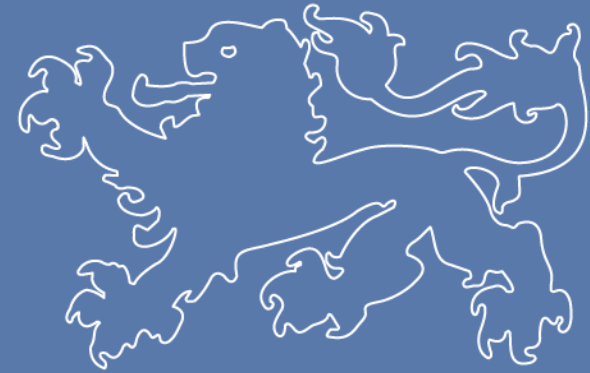
Fire Safety and Emergency Drills

Many stairway and corridor doors have magnetic “hold opens.” These doors will normally be held in the open position to reduce contact. In compliance with fire regulations, fire doors without hold opens will remain closed throughout the day. All public touch points are disinfected regularly.

Education Law Section 807 requires that schools conduct eight evacuation and four lockdown drills each school year in order to keep students, faculty, and staff safe in an emergency. However, we are taking steps to minimize the risk of potential infection while conducting emergency drills. Modifications to drill protocols may include, but are not limited to:

- Conducting evacuation drills on a “staggered” schedule, where classrooms evacuate separately rather than all at once to minimize contact between students in hallways, stairwells, and at the evacuation site.

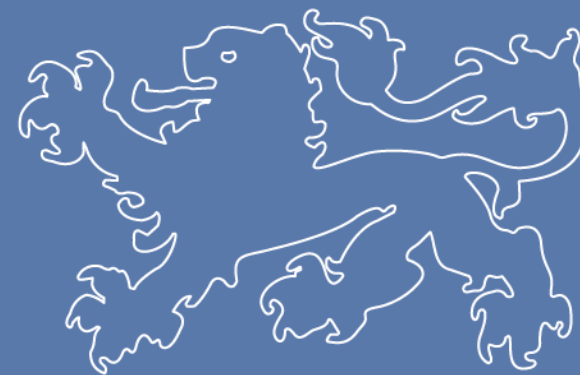




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- Conducting lockdown drills in a classroom setting without “hiding” or “sheltering” in order to maintain social distancing while using masks. Students will be guided about how to shelter or hide in case of an emergency.
- Scheduling lockdown drills throughout the year to ensure that all students participate in drills in-person.

Regardless of the modification used when conducting a drill, students will be instructed that should an actual emergency require evacuation or lockdown, the most imminent concern is to get to safety. Maintaining social distance in an actual emergency that requires evacuation or lockdown may not be possible and should not be the first priority.



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Schedule Modifications

We resume a normal schedule for the 2021-22 school year. **Preschool and kindergarten drop-off and dismissal times vary by classroom. Those schedules will be shared separately.**

Timothy House

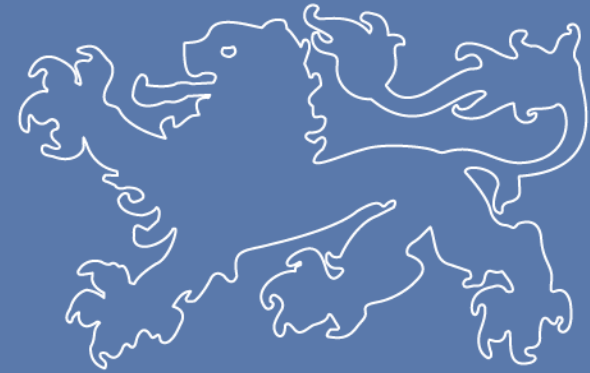
Grades 1-5	
Drop-off	7:45 am
Period 1	8:00 – 8:45 am
Period 2	8:50 – 9:35 am
Snack/ Community Meeting	9:40 – 9:55 am
Period 3	10:00 – 10:45 am
Period 4	10:50 am – 11:35 pm
Period 5	11:40 – 12:25 pm
Period 6	12:30 – 1:15 pm
Period 7	1:20 – 2:05 pm
Period 8	2:10 – 2:55 pm

Bentley House

Grades 6-8	
Period 1	8:00 – 8:45 am
Period 2	8:50 – 9:35 am
Homeroom/ Grade Level	9:40 – 9:55 am
Period 3	10:00 – 10:45 am
Period 4	10:50 am – 11:35 pm
Period 5	11:40 – 12:25 pm
Period 6	12:30 – 1:15 pm
Period 7	1:20 – 2:05 pm
Period 8	2:10 – 2:55 pm

Franklin and Anglo Houses

Grades 9-12	
Period 1	8:00 – 8:45 am
Period 2	8:50 – 9:35 am
Homeroom/ Grade Level	9:40 – 9:55 am
Period 3	10:00 – 10:45 am
Period 4	10:50 – 11:35 am
Period 5	11:40 am – 12:25 pm
Period 6	12:30 – 1:15 pm
Period 7	1:20 – 2:05 pm
Period 8	2:10 – 2:55 pm



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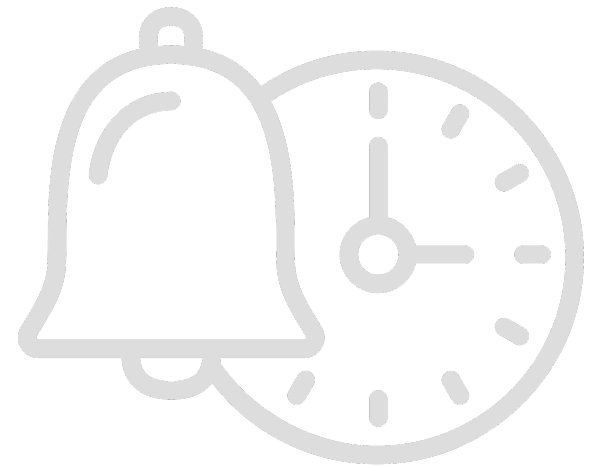
Attendance

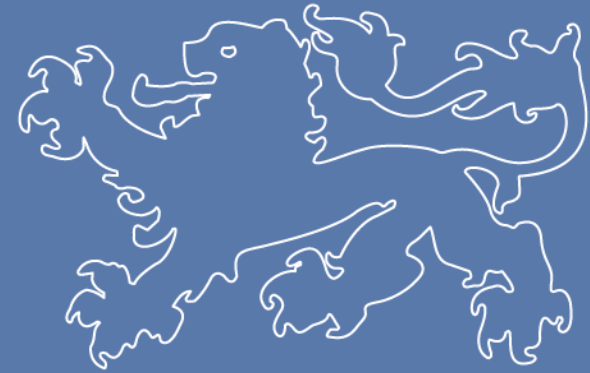
The School collects attendance data every day. Absences must be reported via the attendance hotline by calling 212-724-6360, ext. 304; or emailing attendance@dwight.edu

Dwight will work to identify any children at risk of becoming chronically absent due to sickness, family situations, or other circumstances by reaching out to families and providing educational support services that include:

- Check-ins with the class teacher to provide work at a rate and level that is appropriate to the student's situation
- Additional support from our Deans and Grade Level Coordinators
- Help obtaining the necessary technology to ensure continuity of learning
- Appointments with our School Counselors, as needed

To achieve these goals, we will use phone, email, and virtual meetings to converse with family members and students who are experiencing difficulty.



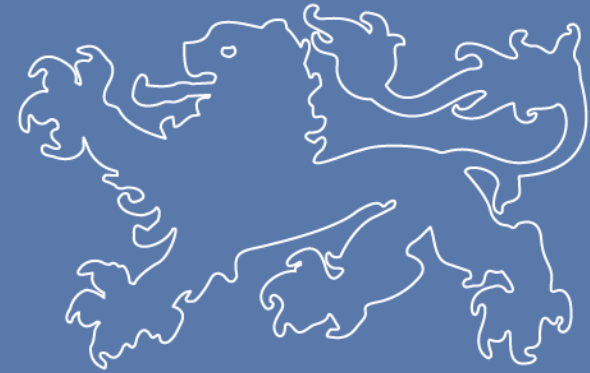


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Classroom Set-up

- Every classroom has a COVID Kit, containing gloves, surgical face masks, a non-contact thermometer, vomit bags, and hand sanitizing wipes to assist with maintaining high levels of safety.
- Clear dividers/sneeze guards are available to be used throughout the day.
- Larger areas in the School are used so that bigger classes can socially distance (e.g., Quad, gyms, the new lunchroom, and the Great Hall).
- Various student supplies such as markers, crayons, etc., will be provided to each individual student to limit the need for shared resources in Preschool, Kindergarten, and Lower School.
- All soft furnishing and toys/equipment not easily cleaned were removed.
- Commonly used supplies such as photocopying machines, science equipment, music instruments, library books, etc., are cleaned thoroughly before each new user can utilize them. Cleaning supplies are accessible at all times for these high-touch resources.





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Lunch and Snacks

Dwight's catering service prepares individual lunches in a secure, sanitized off-site location and brings them in individual boxes to School each day. There are no "family-style" meals. Upper School students can participate in the catered lunch program for an additional fee each trimester.

Preschool-Grade 7

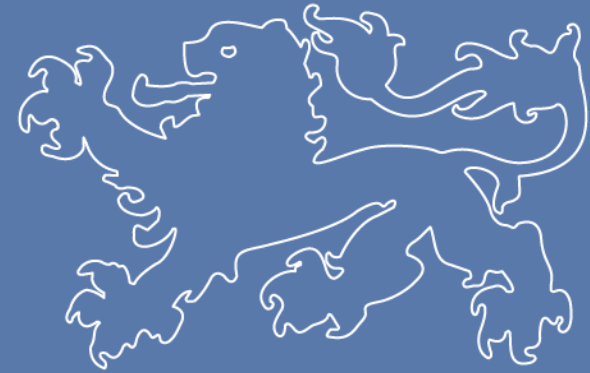
Teachers and students will:

- Always wash hands before any snack or meal
- Eat lunch in their classrooms or the Quad (grades 6-7) with adult supervision
- Be alert to hygiene protocols during lunch and snack time
- Bring lunch from home in adherence with allergy and safety precautions or partake in the School catering program

Grades 8-12

Students will:

- Be permitted to leave School grounds to purchase lunch or snacks, or
- Opt into the School-catered lunch program, or
- Bring lunch from home in adherence with allergy and safety precautions
- Utilize a sneeze guard when eating in School so face masks can be safely removed



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Physical Education, Athletics, and After-school Programs

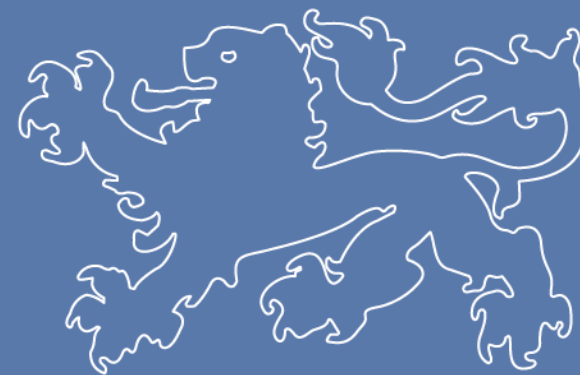
Physical Education Classes

The PHE Department will continue to follow current CDC guidelines and implement universal masking and physical distancing practices in all activity spaces. It is the priority of the PHE Department to implement a well-rounded and diverse curriculum with safety, fun, and student progression as its cornerstones. Any future adjustments will be based on CDC guideline changes and shared with the community. Our PHE spaces for this year include the gyms at both the CPW/Main and Riverside Campuses, Central Park, Riverside Park, and DSAC.

Athletics

Please note the following guidelines.

- **All student-athletes and coaches must be vaccinated;** anyone who is partially vaccinated (received one dose) may participate in practice, but will not be permitted to compete until two weeks after their second vaccine dose.
- Dwight will participate in interscholastic competitions only with other schools whose student-athletes are fully vaccinated.
- Students may take a “mask break” during an outdoor activity and while maintaining physical distance from others.
- Physical distancing guidelines will be observed.
- Coaches must take the temperature of all student-athletes before practice; and will disinfect equipment before, during, and after each practice.
- Guidance for spectators will be forthcoming.



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Team practices and competitions will continue until the end of October/first week of November for teams that earn a playoff spot. Practices will be held after school at various locations throughout the city: DSAC, Randall's Island, or Roberto Clemente Park, but coaches will be in touch on a daily basis to confirm locations and provide weather-related updates or cancellations. The complete schedule of athletic activities will be on MyDwight by Thursday, September 2.

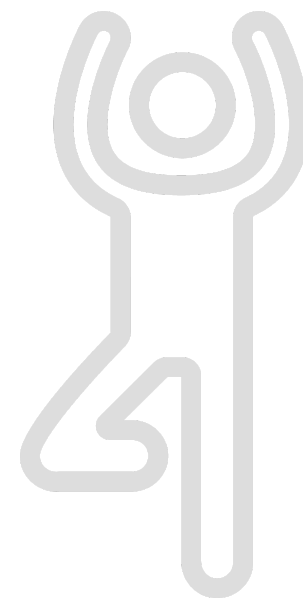
After-school Activities, Clubs, and Music Conservatory

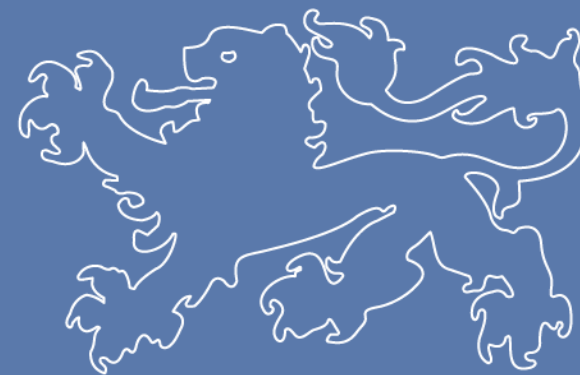
For **preschool-grade 8 students**, in-person after-school programs begin on Monday, September 20. For **grades 9-12 students, in-person** after-school programs begin on Monday, October 4. For questions about preschool-K activities, please email [Lori Taylor](#); for questions about grades 1-12, please email [Agata Medic](#).

Music Conservatory lessons and other performing arts activities are being conducted in person this year, with the option for virtual lessons on a case-by-case basis for those who are immunocompromised or in quarantine. The Dwight Music Conservatory, an integral part of our Music Department, offers students individual lessons in a wide range of musical instruments and a breadth of musical styles. To register, please click [here](#). If your child is a returning Conservatory student, please confer with his/her instructor to discuss potential scheduling options. If you have any questions, email [Emma Mooradian](#).

After-school Care: Club House and Extended Day

For **preschool 2s-grade 5** families, after-school care is available. For more information, please contact [Lori Taylor](#) for preschool-K and [Agata Medic](#) for grades 1-5.





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In the Event of a COVID-19 Case in School

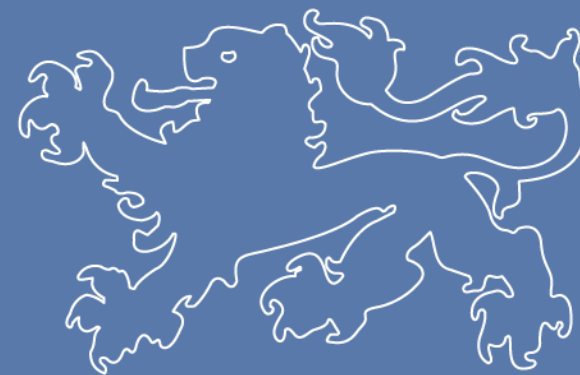
While our plans have been carefully designed to mitigate the risk of COVID-19 at Dwight, such risk cannot be eliminated, and there is no assurance that COVID-19 exposure or infection will not occur in connection with in-person, on-campus instruction. If a student, faculty, or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, Dwight will immediately notify the New York City Health Department and cooperate with contact tracing efforts, including notification of potential contacts, such as faculty, staff, or students who had close contact (within six feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes starting from 48 hours before illness onset until the time the person was isolated) with the individual, while maintaining confidentiality required by state and federal law and regulations.

Dwight documents all suspected, exposed, or confirmed cases of COVID-19 in our secure Magnus Health system. Faculty and staff's contact information and students' emergency contact information are listed in Magnus in the event an individual needs to be notified of a potential exposure or diagnosis.

Dwight will consult with New York City and New York State Health Departments and follow their recommendations in the event we need to:

- Temporarily close a class, grade level, division, campus, or the whole School in the event of a positive COVID-19 case
- Communicate with parents, faculty, and staff about the closure and the possible COVID-19 exposure
- Clean and disinfect thoroughly either the entire campus or areas used by the individual with COVID-19





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Immediate Response

If COVID-19 positive screenings are discovered at School, the immediate response will include closing off areas or classes where individuals may have been infected and engaging in a process of “deep cleaning” either in the affected area, portions of the School, or more broadly the entire School, as determined in consultation with DOH guidelines or conversations with our local DOH contact. We may choose to modify operations prior to instituting School-wide closures to help mitigate a rise in cases.

Isolation and Management of Ill Community Members

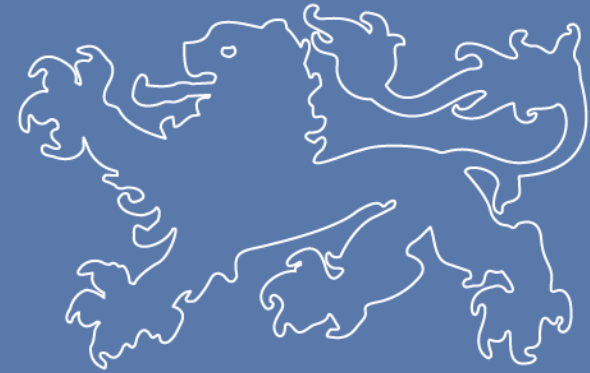
As mentioned above, Dwight has developed protocols for caring for a student, faculty, or staff member who develops COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, which include:

- A dedicated Health Suite to isolate students, faculty, or staff with symptoms of COVID-19 from others until they can go home or to a healthcare facility, depending on severity of illness
- Ensuring that symptomatic students who are waiting to be picked up remain under the supervision of a staff member, while all individuals in the isolation room adhere to social distancing guidelines
- Cleaning and disinfection as specified by CDC guidelines

In the case of a student, faculty, or staff member showing potential COVID-19 symptoms in School, parents will be instructed to pick up their child at the entrance closest to the Health Suite; faculty and staff will self-dismiss or arrange to be picked up at the closest entrance to the Health Suite. Parents, faculty, and staff will receive instructions to:

- Visit their child’s healthcare provider, or faculty and staff’s own healthcare provider, for a COVID-19 test





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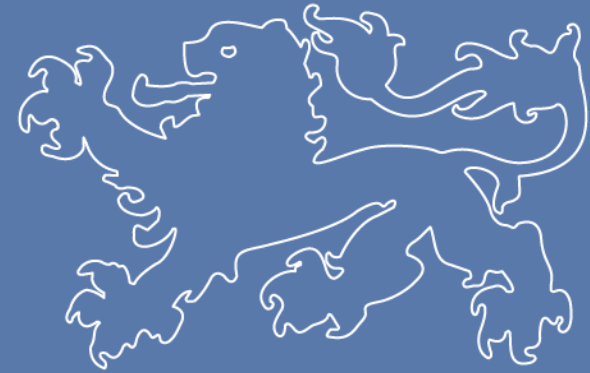
- Self-isolate at home until symptoms improve and a negative test result is received
- Provide test results to the appropriate School Health Practitioner
- If the test result comes back positive, continue to self-isolate until:
 - Ten days from the onset of symptoms, or ten days after the first positive test if the individual remains asymptomatic

Cleaning and Disinfection

In the event an individual is confirmed to have COVID-19 while at School, Dwight will immediately:

- Close off areas used by the person who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19
- Open outside doors and windows to increase air circulation in the area
- Wait 24 hours before cleaning and disinfecting. If this is not feasible, we will wait as long as possible to allow aerosolized particles to settle
- Clean and disinfect all areas used by the individual suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19, such as offices, classrooms, bathrooms, lockers, and common areas
- Reopen the area once it has been appropriately cleaned and disinfected. If more than seven days have passed since the person who is suspected or confirmed to have COVID-19 visited or used the facility, additional cleaning and disinfection is not necessary, but routine cleaning and disinfection will continue





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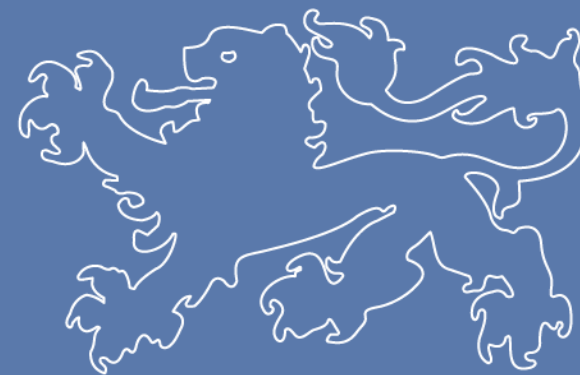
In the Event of a City Shutdown

It's impossible to predict exactly what will happen this year. A city-wide shutdown, like the one we had in the spring of 2020, is possible and could present ongoing challenges; however, our faculty and administrators are prepared to address the various potential scenarios.

If authorities call for a lockdown, a partial lockdown, or a reduction of student numbers in the building each day, Dwight is equipped to offer a robust education.

There may be times when we are ordered to close the School by the state and local health departments. The State has established metrics that they will use to order a regional or state-wide lockdown. However, there may be situations within our own borough, neighborhood, or School community when community spread of COVID-19 needs to be addressed. Under guidance from the State and local authorities, we will track and trace any transmission in the School setting, so that we can responsibly protect all community members.





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FAQs

For All Students

What happens if my child gets sick at school?

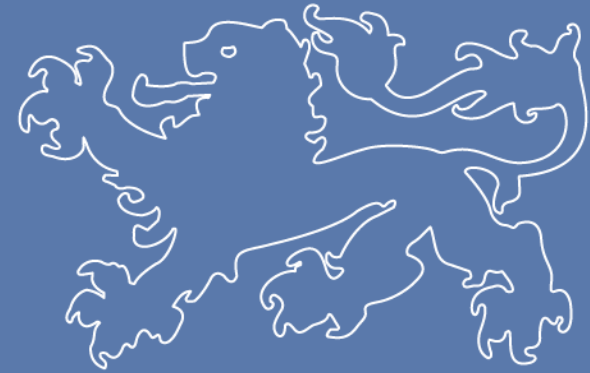
Our Health Offices on both the Riverside and CPW/Main Campuses were expanded to include Health Suites (isolation rooms) and space for physical distancing for students, faculty, and staff in the suite.

- If a student develops symptoms during the day, the child will be sent home or moved to the isolation room for additional care until a parent/caregiver can pick up their child.
- A fever, continuous cough, vomiting, diarrhea, or sore throat will require individuals to be symptom-free for 24 hours. Additional testing may be required if symptoms of COVID-19 persist, or if we receive a Return to School form signed by a doctor for an absence longer than three days.

What's the protocol if we spend holidays or long weekends outside the NYC area?

It will be important to stay abreast of the [CDC](#) and [New York State](#) guidelines for travel. We will follow these guidelines when it comes to requiring further precautions such as quarantining or testing.





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Where can I find specific information about dress code?

Please see specific dress code guidance for:

- [Lower School](#)
- [Middle School](#)
- [Upper School](#)

For Preschool

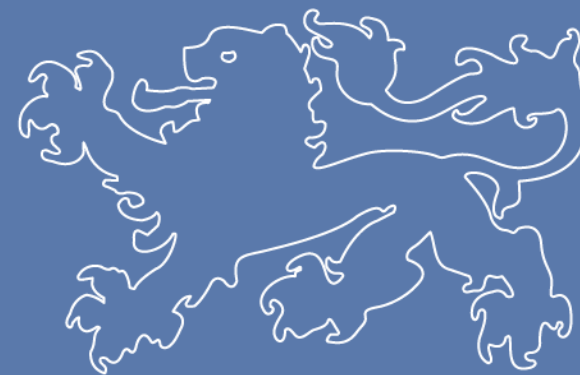
How strict will you be about preschoolers wearing masks?

Children in the Preschool 2s program are not required to wear masks, as this goes against current medical recommendations. Other preschoolers must wear a mask and bring a spare in their backpack. When playing by themselves, napping, or eating with sneeze guards and physically distanced within the classroom, preschool students are allowed to take off their masks.

How will you ensure that snack and lunch times will be safe at School?

With physical distancing and sneeze guards between students during snack and lunch times, we will limit the possibility of transmission and sharing of food. Teachers wear gloves and masks when distributing food.

Will preschool children have access to the virtual learning option?



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In case of a future shutdown due to one of our community members being infected or due to authority mandates, all preschool children will have the opportunity to continue learning virtually. For families who prefer virtual learning during the time School is open for in-person learning, accommodations are made on a case-by-case basis.

For Grades K-5

Will Lower School students have access to the virtual learning program?

The ultimate goal is to have all of our Lower School students physically present every day. Only the few students who are unable to be in School (travel restrictions, mandatory isolation/quarantine, immunocompromised situations, etc.) will be able to participate virtually and synchronously in their classes.

Do children still have access to special classes such as art, world language, music, physical education, etc.?

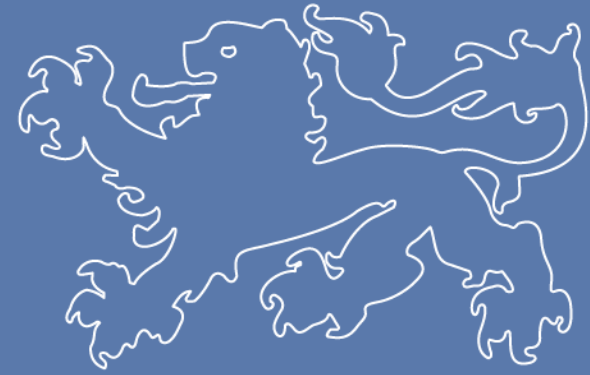
Yes, special classes are a part of the daily schedule in the Lower School.

How strict will you be about students wearing masks?

When eating with sneeze guards and physically distanced within the classroom, students will be allowed to take off their masks.

Are Club House and Extended Day options available for after-school care?





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Yes, we are offering Club House and Extended Day options. Please see the [communication](#) shared on Thursday, August 12.

For Grades 6-12

How strict are you about students wearing masks?

When eating with sneeze guards and physically distanced within the classroom, students are allowed to take off their masks. We are as strict as necessary to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff.

What can we expect in terms of trips and future travel for various programs our children have been looking forward to?

At this time, trips are postponed. We will continue to monitor travel guidelines and make the most prudent decisions around future opportunities.

Can you expand on the virtual learning situation and what that option looks like for students in grades 6-12?

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For additional questions or suggestions regarding the School's plans, who should I contact?

Please reach out via email to Reopening@dwright.edu and someone will get back to you promptly.

