

## 5320 IMMUNIZATION

In order to safeguard the school community from the spread of certain communicable diseases and in recognition that prevention is a means of combating the spread of disease, the Board of Education requires the immunization of pupils against certain diseases in accordance with State statute and rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services.

A pupil shall not knowingly be admitted or retained in school if the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) has not submitted acceptable evidence of the child's immunization, according to schedules specified in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4 – Immunization of Pupils in School.

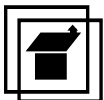
Medical or religious exemptions to immunizations shall be in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.3 and 4.4. A child may be admitted to school on a provisional basis in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.5.

No immunization program, other than that expressly required by the rules of the New Jersey State Department of Health and Senior Services or by order of the New Jersey State Commissioner of Health and Senior Services, may be conducted in district schools without the express approval of the Board.

### **Pandemic Reopening and Recovery**

#### **A. Screening and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)**

- 1. Adequate amount of personal protective equipment (PPE) shall be available, accessible, and provided for use by staff and students if they do not have a mask available.**
- 2. School staff and visitors are required to wear face coverings unless doing so would inhibit the individual's health or the individual is under two years of age.**
- 3. Students are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings and are required to do so when social distancing cannot be maintained, unless doing so would inhibit the student's health.**
- 4. Staff and students shall be appropriately screened as permitted by law, executive order or CDC guidelines before entering any school building;**
- 5. The principal or his or her designee shall develop a school entry plan that includes:**
  - a) Staff assigned to do the screening;**
  - b) Designated entrances that will be used to admit students;**



c) The assignment of classes and grades to designated entrances and/or designated entrance times;

6. Staff must visually check students for symptoms upon arrival (which may include temperature checks) and/or confirm with families that students are free of COVID-19 symptoms;

a. Health checks must be conducted safely and respectfully, and in accordance with any applicable privacy laws and regulations;

7. Results must be documented when signs/symptoms of COVID-19 are observed;

8. Screening procedures shall take into account students with disabilities and accommodations that may be needed in the screening process for those students;

**B. Procedures for symptomatic staff and students:**

1. The school principal or his or her designee shall establish an isolation space;

2. Students and staff with symptoms related to COVID-19 shall be safely and respectfully isolated from others. Students should remain in isolation with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult;

3. Staff must provide continuous monitoring of symptoms;

4. The current Communicable Disease Service guidance for illness reporting shall be followed;

5. If a staff member becomes aware that an individual who has spent time in a district facility tests positive for COVID-19, the staff members shall notify the principal and the school nurse. The school nurse shall immediately notify local health officials, staff, and families of a confirmed case while maintaining confidentiality

**C. Preparations for when someone tests positive for COVID-19:**

1. The school principal or his or her designee shall establish an isolation space;

2. Students and staff with symptoms related to COVID-19 shall be safely and respectfully taken to the designated isolation space and isolated from others. Students should remain in isolation with continued supervision and care until picked up by an authorized adult;

3. The current Communicable Disease Service guidance for illness reporting shall be followed;

4. Readmittance to school shall be consistent with Department of Health guidance and information for schools and Department of



**Health/Communicable Disease Service's Quick Reference Guidance on Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Home Isolation for Persons Diagnosed with COVID-19;**

5. Contact tracing shall be initiated including records of groups/cohorts, assigned staff, and daily attendance.

**D. Protocols to address a positive case:**

**Student and employees who report symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to leave the school or asked not come into school if they test positive for COVID-19 or exhibit one or more of the symptoms of COVID19, based on CDC guidance, that is not otherwise explained, including:**

1. A fever of 100 F or greater;
2. Cough;
3. Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing;
4. Chills;
5. Repeated shaking with chills;
6. Muscle pain;
7. Headache;
8. Sore throat;
9. 9 New loss of taste or smell
10. Fatigue;
11. Congestion or runny nose;
12. Nausea or vomiting;
13. Diarrhea.

**Students and employees will be required to be isolated in accordance with this policy and if necessary, will be required to follow up with a medical provider. Testing and a negative test result will be required prior to return to school.**

N.J.S.A. 18A:40-20

N.J.S.A. 26:4-6

N.J.A.C. 8:57-4.1 et seq.

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