School Year 2023–24

Overview

We are eagerly awaiting the first day of school for the 2023-2024 school year! Please follow this page for continuous updates and important reminders as we approach the first day. For questions please reach out to your Executive Director of School Support and Operations.
Walkthrough Information:

- School opening walkthroughs are meant to help identify and address any operational or functional needs in school buildings prior to reopening.

- In preparation for school reopening for the 2023–24 school year, EDDSO’s or Superintendent designees will conduct annual school opening walkthroughs through September 1st.

Information for EDSO's and Superintendent Designees can be found [HERE](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24)

Important Updates

- **Transportation Reminders and VIA School Bus Tracking System Expansion Updates for the 2023–24 SY**

- **Share Student Privacy Annual Notices to Families**

- **Core Curriculum Updates: First Fall Residual Ordering Period, Deliveries, Return Requests, and Certification**
Health Guidance

This guidance provides best practice considerations for schools for the 2023-2024 school year to help prevent the transmission of illnesses among students and staff.

Schools should report all illnesses among students to their school nurse. If there is not a school nurse on-site, please report to the nursing supervisor. You can find your school nursing supervisors [link]. If there is a confirmed diagnosis of a reportable illness among staff, schools should report this to NYC Department of Health Bureau of Communicable Disease at 347-396-2600.

Schools should emphasize the following recommendations below for school communities to stay healthy and safe:

- **Vaccination**: Vaccination is the best way to reduce risk of many illnesses [link]. Encourage up to date COVID-19 and flu vaccination for all staff and students
  - Visit the vaccine finder page [link] or call 877-829-4692 to find a location near you.
  - Updated COVID-19 vaccines are expected in early fall. Encourage staff and children to get the updated vaccine, even if they have had COVID-19 or been vaccinated before. See At-A-Glance COVID-19 Vaccination Schedules (cdc.gov) [link].
- **Stay home if sick**: Students and staff should stay home if they show any symptoms of illnesses.
  - If they have respiratory illness, they should get tested for COVID-19 [link] and possibly influenza [link] and take the proper precautions.
- **Testing:** NYCPS will continue to provide COVID-19 tests in schools this fall upon request.
  - If they test positive for COVID-19, they must isolate for at least 5 days and wear a mask for days 6-10 when returning to school. [Guidance](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24) is available. [Additional information about isolation for COVID-19](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24) is also available.

- **Consider wearing a mask,** especially in a crowded indoor setting particularly if your child has a medical condition that puts them at risk for severe COVID-19, or if they are around others who are at increased risk for COVID-19, such as grandparents or other older adults. Masks are an important layer of protection to stop the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory viruses.
  - Always wear a mask when sick and unable to separate from others, and, if you have COVID-19, for 10 days after your symptoms began (or 10 days after you test positive for COVID-19, if you have no symptoms). [Additional information about isolation for COVID-19](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24) is available.
  - Always wear a mask for 10 days after being exposed to someone who has COVID-19. View [guidance on what to do following a COVID-19 exposure](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24).
  - Wear a high-quality mask, such as a KN95, KF94 or N95 for the best protection from COVID-19.

- **Cover Your Cough:** Encourage all students and staff to use a tissue to cover coughs and sneezes. If you don’t have a tissue, sneeze or cough into your sleeve, not your hands. View [educational posters for schools](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24) and can also be obtained by calling 311.

- **Wash your hands:** Encourage all students and staff to wash hands often with soap and water to stop the spread of germs. If soap and water are not available, use [hand sanitizer](https://infohub.nyced.org/school-year/school-year-2023-24). Educational posters for schools are available and can also be obtained by calling 311.
Please see more resources to share with families.

Related Links

- School Year 2022-23
- School Year 2021-22
- School Year 2023–24