



## 2021-22 Back-to-School Plan At-a-Glance

Gates Chili Central School District is excited to welcome students back for in-person instruction, 5 days per week, beginning Sept. 9. The 2021-22 back-to-school plan incorporates updated recommendations and guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) and the New York State Education Department (SED) Health and Safety Guide for the 2021-22 School Year. The district will continue to monitor local transmission rates and the latest guidance and update our plan when necessary.

The following protocols are in place to ensure the health and safety of our students, families and staff:



### Masking and Distancing

Masking is required for all students, staff and visitors in all Gates Chili buildings, classrooms, and school buses regardless of vaccination status. Masks can be removed when eating/drinking. Masking is not required outdoors. Individuals should maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between one another whenever possible to reduce the risk of transmission.



### Health Screening

There is no longer a requirement to complete the daily electronic health screening attestation. Performing a daily self health screening each morning before school or work is required. Students and staff should stay home when ill or exhibiting symptoms.



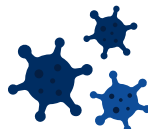
### Vaccinations

At this time there is not a mandate requiring students or staff be vaccinated. However, COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. The district highly encourages eligible people ages 12+ to get vaccinated.



### Prevention Strategies

Gates Chili will continue to follow the rigorous protocols that include enhanced daily cleaning and disinfecting of classrooms and offices. The district will also continue to layer additional prevention strategies for added safety including PPE, proper hand hygiene, respiratory etiquette, and CDC recommended ventilation practices to reduce the risk of transmission.



### Returning to School

Anyone who experiences symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home or go home regardless of vaccination status and contact their health care provider. Symptomatic individuals cannot return to school without proof of a negative test, alternative diagnosis or release orders from their local health department. The Monroe County Department of Health has provided protocols to address COVID-19 instances including symptomatic individuals, close contacts, and quarantine.



### Social-Emotional Wellness

Gates Chili will prioritize supporting the social-emotional needs of students and staff. Trainings on stress management, self-care and resiliency will be provided for staff to enhance their ability to support each other and students.

For a detailed description of the district's back-to-school plan, go to [www.gateschili.org/Fall2021Plan](http://www.gateschili.org/Fall2021Plan)

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