

SAFETY ASSEMBLY RECAP

September 10, 2020

The health and safety of our students and faculty are our priority. It is essential that every member of our community adheres to our safety guidelines and works to maintain a safe community.

BEFORE COMING TO SCHOOL

Parents must administer a health assessment of their child before sending them to school.

Students cannot report to school if they have:

- Been knowingly in close or proximate contact in the past 14 days with anyone who has tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 or who has or had symptoms of COVID-19.
- Tested positive through a diagnostic test for COVID-19 in the past 14 days.
- Experienced any symptoms of COVID-19, including a temperature of greater than 100.0°F, in the past 14 days.
- Traveled internationally or from a state with widespread community transmission of COVID-19 per the New York State Travel Advisory in the past 14 days.

MASKS

Students must wear their mask while on the perimeter of the school, while assembling to go into the building and the entire time they are in the building.

Mask wearing is a non-negotiable. Masks must cover the nose and chin. Bandanas are not acceptable. Neither are vented masks. If there is a question about the ability of a student's mask to effectively protect them, a mask will be provided to the student.

Students who do not comply will be moved to 100% remote with no additional warnings.

MORNING ENTRANCE

- Students may pick up breakfast at the main entrance on 108th Street before proceeding to their designated line-up spot. Breakfast must be finished before entering the building.
- Students will line up 6 feet apart in their designated area.
- Teachers will come out to pick up the students and will escort them to the hand sanitizer station, the temperature check location and then into the building.
- Any student displaying symptoms or a temperature will be further assessed by the staff of the Ryan Health Clinic.
- Students will then proceed to their classroom, where they will remain until dismissal. Teachers will travel to the students.

FOOD

Breakfast and lunch will be available for the students before and after the school day. Students will have a designated five-minute snack break. Students must have a shield on in order to eat their snack. Snacks should be something that can be eaten quickly and easily.

BATHROOM PASSES

Students will get one bathroom pass a day. While we understand there are emergency situations, we will also need to minimize the number of students out of the room and in the bathroom.

WHAT TO BRING TO SCHOOL

- An extra mask
- A face shield to use during the brief snack time and/or for students with allergies and who may need to blow their nose or sneeze more often.
- A water bottle with a straw in it, so that it can be used without removing the mask. Please label the water bottle.
- Hand sanitizer is recommended, but will also be available in school.
- A snack that can be eaten in five minutes.
- All the necessary school supplies and equipment.

There will be no sharing of materials, supplies, or devices. Students should bring their device already charged, because it is unlikely that they will be able to reach an outlet from their seat.

DISMISSAL

- Teachers will escort the students out of the building at the end of the day.
- Students who are meeting travel companions should choose a meeting place that is off the school block. Given the social distancing requirements, there will not be enough space for students to wait for their friends on the perimeter.
- Parents picking up students should also find a meeting spot off the school block to wait for their children.
- The M11 will operate on Columbus Avenue, but students may have to wait for multiple buses before being able to get on.

LUNCH

Students can pick up a grab and go lunch on their way out of the building at dismissal.

BICYCLES, SCOOTERS, AND SKATEBOARDS

Students should bring a lock with them to secure their bicycle to the bike racks or fence. School personnel cannot take responsibility for watching the bikes during the school day. Students will be permitted to bring their scooters into the classroom and store them in the classroom closet.

REQUIRED FORMS

Parents are required to complete the following forms. These forms will be collected on September 16, 2020 by the homeroom teachers. These forms posted on the following page of the MS 54 website:

<https://www.ms54.org/school-forms.html>

- Blue Emergency Card
- Ryan Health Form
- Trip Permission Form

- Photo Consent Form
- Income Verification Form (the former Lunch Form)

EMERGENCY DRILLS

Regular Fire Drills will be conducted, although these will be done by floor, and not of the entire building.

Lockdown Drills will also be conducted, although the students will remain in their seats during the drill.

In a real emergency situation, social distance regulations will not be maintained, as we will prioritize evacuating the building and protecting the students from a potential intruder.

EMERGENCY ALERTS

Parents can sign up through Jupiter for emergency text messages. We encourage you to do so. New families – we will discuss this at the parent orientation. You cannot do it until you have access to the Jupiter System.

STUDENTS SHOWING SYMPTOMS WHILE AT SCHOOL

Students showing symptoms of COVID-19 will be escorted to the Isolation Room by a designated staff member wearing appropriate PPE.

Symptoms of COVID-19 are:

- Fever of 100.0°F or higher or chills,
- Cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
- Fatigue,
- Muscle or body aches,
- Headache,
- Loss of taste or smell,
- Sore throat, congestion or runny nose,
- Nausea or vomiting,
- Diarrhea.

The area where the student was showing symptoms must be immediately cleaned and disinfected.

The health professional, wearing appropriate PPE, will evaluate the student in the Isolation Room for symptoms of COVID-19.

A family member or guardian will be contacted by a staff member and asked to pick up the student.

Upon pick up, the nurse/health professional and school staff should strongly encourage the family to visit a doctor and get the student tested for COVID-19, and provide the information of the closest testing site, if asked.

The Isolation Room will be closed and a deep cleaning must be performed before it can be used again.

PROTOCOLS FOR COVID CASES

Conclusion of Investigation	During Investigation	Post Investigation
A. 1 confirmed case	Close Classroom	Classroom remains closed for 14 days; students and staff in close contact with positive case self-quarantine for 14 days.
B. At least 2 cases linked together in school, same classroom	Close Classroom	Classroom remains closed for 14 days; students and staff in close contact with positive cases self-quarantine for 14 days
C. At least 2 cases linked together in school, different classrooms	Close school	Classrooms of each case remain closed and quarantined, additional school members are quarantined based on where the exposure was in the school (e.g., the locker room);
D. At least 2 cases linked together by circumstances outside of school (i.e., acquired infection by different setting and source)	Close school	School opens post investigation, classrooms remain closed for 14 days
E. At least 2 cases not linked but exposure confirmed for each one outside of school setting	Close school	School opens post investigation, classrooms remain closed for 14 days
F. Link unable to be determined	Close school	Close school for 14 days