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Asthma Management	<p>While <u>it is uncertain whether aerosols generated by nebulizer treatments are potentially infectious¹</u>, during this COVID-19 pandemic, nebulizer treatments at school should be reserved for those who cannot use an inhaler (with or without spacer or face mask). Based on limited data, use of asthma inhalers (with or without spacers or facemasks) is not considered to be an aerosol-generating procedure.</p> <p>The CDC recommends during the COVID-19 pandemic that respiratory medications utilizing metered dose inhalers (MDI) with a spacer or valved holding chamber be used over nebulizer treatments whenever possible.</p> <p>Treatments such as nebulized medication treatments and oral or tracheostomy suctioning should be conducted in a room separate from others with nursing personnel wearing appropriate PPE. If developmentally appropriate, the nurse could leave the room and return when the nebulizer treatment is finished. Due to limited availability of data, it is uncertain whether aerosols generated by nebulizer treatments are potentially infectious.</p> <p>Cleaning of the room should occur between use and cleaning of the equipment should be done following manufacturer’s instructions after each use.</p>	<p><u>NYSCSH Resource Toolkit for Asthma Management During COVID-19 (NYSCSH, 8/2020)</u></p> <p><u>NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20, page 35)</u></p>
Hand Sanitizers in School	<p>School districts will have the authority to install hand sanitizer dispensers on buses as well as allow students and personnel on the bus to carry personal-size bottles of sanitizer, whose contents should not exceed 8 ounces in volume. These should be secured when not in use.</p> <p>This guidance which shall remain in effect during the period of the Disaster Emergency declared per Executive Order 202 (related to the COVID-19) Emergency.</p>	<p><u>NYSED Guidance Related to Hand Sanitizer on School Buses Memo (NYSED 8/21/2020)</u></p>
Health Exam Requirements	<p>Continue to accept any physical examination form for physicals conducted on or before January 30, 2021, regardless of the form used.</p> <p>Give Parents/guardians additional time to provide the completed health exam to the school.</p> <p>Student athletes may participate in fall 2020 sports if they have a health exam from the 2018-2019 or 2019-2020 school years and a completed Interval Health History.</p>	<p><u>Clarification of School Health Examinations in Light of COVID-19 Pandemic (NYSCSH, 6/4/20)</u></p> <p><u>NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20, page 45)</u></p>

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Health Screening Hearing, Vision and Scoliosis	Screening is waived for 2020-21 unless issues are noted per Amendment to Commissioner’s Regulations § 136.3(e)	NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20 , page 45) Amendment to Commissioner’s Regulations § 136.3(e)
	Sample Teacher Observation Forms are available on the NYSCSH website to assist staff identify vision and hearing concerns.	NYSCSH website Samples and Forms page- Screening Charts Forms Letters Notifications
Immunizations Requirements	Students enrolled in school whether attending in-person or remotely, must comply with Immunization Requirements per Public Health Law Section 2164, 66-1.1	NYSDOJ Memo To School Regarding Public Health Law Section 2164 (August 28, 2020) NYS Public Health Law Section 2164, 66-1.1
Information Management	Schools must follow requirements for data privacy and security related to student’s Personally Identifiable Information (PII) in compliance with FERPA, Education Law 2-d and Part 121 of Commissioners Regulations.	NYSED Data and Security Webpage NYSED Data and Security Webpage (Includes Law 2-d Protecting Student Privacy While Using Online Educational Services: Requirements and Best Practices - U.S. (PTAC)
Isolation Rooms	Students suspected of having COVID-19 awaiting transport home by the parent/guardian must be isolated in a room or area separate from others, with a supervising adult present utilizing appropriate PPE. Multiple students suspected of COVID-19 may be in this isolation room/area if they can be separated by at least 6 feet.	NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20 , page 38)

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Isolation Rooms	<p>If a separate room is not available for ill individuals, keep at least a 6-foot distance between ill persons and other persons supervising adult to be present and should have easy access to a bathroom and sink with hand hygiene supplies.</p> <p>School nurses and other school health professionals assessing or providing care to ill students and staff should follow Transmission- based precautions, which includes the use of appropriate PPE.</p> <p>It is recommended that a facemask (e.g., cloth or surgical mask) be provided to the ill person if they can tolerate wearing it.</p>	<p><u>NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20 , page 38)</u></p>
Mask Exemptions For Students and Staff	<p>Face coverings should not be placed on students where such covering would impair their health or mental health, or where such covering would present a challenge, distraction, or obstruction to education services and instruction; anyone who has trouble breathing or is unconscious; anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the cloth face covering without assistance. Employees with healthcare provider documentation stating they are not medically able to tolerate face covering cannot be required to do so.</p>	<p><u>NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20 , pages 34-36)</u></p>
	<p>Provide exemptions or alternatives for those medically unable to wear masks</p>	<p><u>NYSDOH Interim Guidance For In-Person Instruction At Pre-K To Grade 12 Schools (NYSDOH 8/26/20, page 9)</u></p>
	<p>Students who are unable to medically tolerate a face covering, including students where such covering would impair their physical health or mental health are not subject to the required use of a face covering.</p>	<p><u>NYSDOH Interim Guidance For In-Person Instruction At Pre-K To Grade 12 Schools (NYSDOH 8/26/20, page 11)</u></p>

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<p>Mask Requirements For Students and Staff</p>	<p>All students and staff members must wear cloth face coverings whenever they are within 6 feet of someone.</p> <p>Schools should allow an employee to wear their own acceptable face covering but may not require they supply their own face coverings. Schools must provide acceptable face covering to employees (and students if they forget their own) and have an adequate supply in case of need for replacement per Executive Order 202.16.</p> <p>N-95 masks are recommended only if staff will be in contact with a suspected COVID-19 positive case and/or performing aerosol-generating procedures.</p> <p>Face shields worn without other face coverings are not considered adequate protection against COVID-19 and should not be used alone.</p>	<p><u>NYSED Reopening Guidelines (NYSED 7/16/20 , pages 34 -36)</u></p>
	<p>Responsible Parties should allow students to remove their face covering during meals, instruction, and for short breaks so long as they maintain appropriate social distance.</p>	<p><u>Interim Guidance For In-Person Instruction At Pre-K To Grade 12 Schools (NYSDOH 8/26/20, page 2)</u></p>
	<p>Acceptable face coverings include but are not limited to cloth-based face coverings (e.g., homemade sewn, quick cut, bandana), and surgical masks that cover both the mouth and nose.</p> <p>Responsible Parties and faculty may use alternate PPE (i.e., face coverings that are transparent at or around the mouth) for instruction or interventions that require visualization of the movement of the lips and/or mouths (e.g., speech therapy).</p> <p>These alternate coverings may also be used for certain students (e.g., hearing impaired) who benefit from being able to see more of the face of the faculty or staff member.</p> <p>Cloth-based face coverings or disposable masks shall not be considered acceptable face coverings for workplace activities that require a higher degree of protection for PPE due to the nature of the work. For those types of activities, N-95 respirators or other PPE used under existing industry standards should continue to be used, in accordance with OSHA guidelines.</p>	<p><u>Interim Guidance For In-Person Instruction At Pre-K To Grade 12 Schools (NYSDOH 8/26/20, page 14)</u></p> <p><u>Interim Guidance For In-Person Instruction At Pre-K To Grade 12 Schools (NYSDOH 8/26/20, page 14)</u></p>

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Mask Storage	Fold facemasks so the outer surface is inward and against itself to reduce contact with the outer surface during storage. The folded mask can be stored between uses in a clean sealable paper bag or breathable container.	<u>CDC Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Facemasks (CDC, Updated 6/28/20)</u>

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