**VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT - August 30, 2021**

**COVID-19 Layered Mitigation Protocols: 2021 - 2022**

**CDC Levels of Community Transmission**

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| **Indicator - If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected** | **Low Transmission Blue** | **Moderate Transmission Yellow** | **Substantial Transmission Orange** | **High Transmission Red** |
| Total new cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days | 0-9.99 | 10-49.99 | 50-99.99 | ≥100 |
| Percentage of NAATs1 that are positive during the past 7 days | 0-4.99% | 5-7.99% | 8-9.99% | ≥10.0% |

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|  | **Mitigation Protocol** | **Low****Community Transmission** | **Moderate****Community Transmission** | **Substantial****Community Transmission** | **High****Community Transmission** |
| **1** | **COVID-19 Vaccines** | Strongly Encouraged for all eligible individuals ages 12+ | Strongly Encouraged for all eligible individuals ages 12+Strongly Encouraged | Strongly Encouraged for all eligible individuals ages 12+Strongly Encouraged | Strongly Encouraged for all eligible individuals ages 12+Strongly Encouraged |
| **2** | **Random Surveillance/Screen testing- Rapid or Pool Testing****On-site available for staff and students on demand.** | No Surveillance Testing | No Surveillance Testing | Surveillance Testing of 10% of unvaccinated student and staff weeklyConsent required | Surveillance Testing of 20% of unvaccinated student and staff weeklyConsent required |
| **3** | **Facemasks (indoors)*****Per CDC recommendations:*** ***Facemasks should:**** ***Have 2 or more layers of washable, breathable fabric***
* ***Completely cover nose and mouth***
* ***Fit snugly***
* [***https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html***](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/about-face-coverings.html)
 | Pursuant to NYS DOHMANDATESRequired for all indoors vaccinated/unvaccinated | Pursuant to NYS DOHMANDATESRequired for all indoors vaccinated/unvaccinated | Pursuant to NYS DOHMANDATESRequired for all indoors vaccinated/unvaccinated | Pursuant to NYS DOHMANDATESRegular mask breaks |
| **4** | **Health Screening** | Parents and staff should screen for COVID-10 symptoms daily. **No** reporting to school required | Parents and staff should screen for COVID-10 symptoms daily. **No** reporting to school required | Parents and staff should screen for COVID-10 symptoms daily. **No** reporting to school required | Parents and staff should screen for COVID-10 symptoms daily. **No** reporting to school required |
| **5** | **Monitoring Community and School-Based Transmission*****Can change subject to forthcoming guidance*** | Ongoing | Ongoing; weekly benchmark | Ongoing; weekly benchmark | Ongoing; weekly benchmark |
| **6** | **Social Distancing (indoors)** | 3’ distancing  | 3’ distancing  | 3’ distancing | 3’ distancing  |
| **7** | **School Visitors** | 3’ distanced and masked | 3’ distanced and masked | Minimal visitation3’ distanced and maskedUse of indoor facilities by outside organizations will be evaluated. Outdoor use is permitted.  | 3’ distanced and maskedVisitation to classroom will be limitedUse of indoor facilities by outside organizations is not permitted/ outdoor use is permitted. |
| **8** | **Handwashing, Hand Sanitizer, and Respiratory Etiquette** | Expected and encouraged | Expected and encouraged | Expected and encouraged  | Expected and encouraged |
| **9** | **Quarantine*****All Quarantine procedures are subject to change and will follow most current Albany County Department of Health (ACDOH) Guidance. The school does not have oversight of quarantine procedures.*** | Per ACDOH Guidance:Current Guidance as of 1/10/2022 is based off of NYS Guidance:[1/4/2022 NYS Isolation Update Memo](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf)[Final Tracing Charts 9.1.21 (002).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NKMYjcS0S4sY2Ek3Vf31_uHcSm-u0Mm2/view?usp=sharing)  | Per ACDOH Guidance:Current Guidance as of 1/10/2022 is based off of NYS Guidance:[1/4/2022 NYS Isolation Update Memo](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf)[Final Tracing Charts 9.1.21 (002).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NKMYjcS0S4sY2Ek3Vf31_uHcSm-u0Mm2/view?usp=sharing) | Per ACDOH Guidance:Current Guidance as of 1/10/2022 is based off of NYS Guidance:[1/4/2022 NYS Isolation Update Memo](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf)[Final Tracing Charts 9.1.21 (002).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NKMYjcS0S4sY2Ek3Vf31_uHcSm-u0Mm2/view?usp=sharing) | Per ACDOH Guidance:Current Guidance as of 1/10/2022 is based off of NYS Guidance:[1/4/2022 NYS Isolation Update Memo](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/01/nys_updated_isolation_quarantine_guidance_01042022.pdf)[Final Tracing Charts 9.1.21 (002).pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1NKMYjcS0S4sY2Ek3Vf31_uHcSm-u0Mm2/view?usp=sharing) |
| **10** | **Staying Home When Sick (Staff and Students)****Returning to school After COVID Vaccination** [#17118\_Students\_ReturnToSchool\_Algorithm\_110521.pdf](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1fa8brakd6yAPeE0OC9GKcQJQjFufNjdF/view?usp=sharing) | All staff and students should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness | All staff and students should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illnessPursuant to collective bargaining agreement for use of sick days | All staff and students should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illnessPursuant to collective bargaining agreement for use of sick days | All staff and students should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illnessPursuant to collective bargaining agreement for use of sick days |
| **11** | **Return to School/work Protocols ( negative COVID test required )** | Return per ACDOH protocolNegative COVID test required to return. Antigen and PCR are accepted for symptomatic individuals.There must be two negative COVID tests submitted for at home tests. Tests are to be completed within 36 hours of one another. (1.5 days) | Return per ACDOH protocolNegative COVID test required to return. Antigen and PCR are accepted for symptomatic individuals.There must be two negative COVID tests submitted for at home tests. Tests are to be completed within 36 hours of one another. (1.5 days) | Return per ACDOH protocolNegative COVID test required to return. Antigen and PCR are accepted for symptomatic individuals.There must be two negative COVID tests submitted for at home tests. Tests are to be completed within 36 hours of one another. (1.5 days) | Return per ACDOH protocolNegative COVID test required to return. Antigen and PCR are accepted for symptomatic individuals.There must be two negative COVID tests submitted for at home tests. Tests are to be completed within 36 hours of one another. (1.5 days) |
| **12** | **Cleaning and Disinfection** | Daily Routine Cleaning | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of High-Touch Surfaces | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces | Daily Routine Cleaning and Daily Disinfection of moderate and high-touch surfaces |
| **13** | **Cafeteria** | N/A | 3’ physical distancing required while eating | 6’ physical distancing required while eating when practicable | 6’ physical distancing required while eating when practicable  |
| **14** | **Recess and Physical Education (Outdoors)** | N/A | N/A | 3’ distancing or masked | 3’ distancing or masked |
| **15** | **Ventilation and Air Quality** | N/A | Increased fresh air circulations(mechanical, open windows, open doors)  | Increased fresh air circulations(mechanical, open windows, open doors). Hepa Units for rooms with predetermined air flow deficiencies. | Increased fresh air circulations(mechanical, open windows, open doors). Hepa Units for rooms with predetermined air flow deficiencies |
| **16** | **Transportation****For inclement weather or temperatures- transportation will initiate the following plan:**[Ventilation protocol (1).docx](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1NSdAU81ILgAi06xqekc-XunFxsP1q_0W/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=117954177847967079298&rtpof=true&sd=true) | Masks required at all times/ windows open or cracked at all timesSeating chart utilized | Masks required at all times/ windows open or cracked at all timesSeating chart utilized  | Masks required at all times/ windows open or cracked at all timesParents encouraged to transportSeating chart utilized | Masks required at all times/ windows open or cracked at all timesParents encouraged to transportSeating chart utilized |
| **17** | **High Risk Sports (Outdoors)** | Mask andscreening requirements inconsultationwith medicaldirector | Vaccination recommendedif eligible● Mask andscreening requirementsin consultationwith medicaldirector ● Spectator restrictions to be determined | Vaccination recommendedif eligible● If unvaccinated,weekly rapidscreeningtesting is required ● Spectator restrictions to be determined | Vaccination is required, ifeligible● If there is a medical exemption- there will beCOVID testing twice weekly● Restrictions onspectators |
| **18** | **High Risk Sports (Indoors)** | Mask andscreening requirements in consultationwith medicaldirector | Vaccination recommendedif eligible● Mask andscreening requirementsin consultationwith medicaldirector ● Spectator restrictions to be determined | Vaccination recommendedif eligible● If unvaccinated,weekly rapidscreeningtesting is required.Parents may use the district’s testing program through Quadrant.● Masks requiredfor all high-risksports (indoors)● Spectator restrictions to be determined | Vaccination is required, ifeligible● If there is a medical exemption- there will beCOVID testing twice weekly● Masks requiredfor all high-risksports (indoors)● Restrictions onspectators |
| **19** | **High Risk Activities ( Arts e.g. singing, playing wind instruments, etc.) (indoors)** | Mask andscreening requirements in consultationwith medicaldirector | 3’ Social Distancing for choir when masked6’ Social Distancing for band. Bell covers required for wind instruments Masks required for all when practicable | 3’ Social Distancing for choir when masked6’ Social Distancing for band. Bell covers required for wind instruments Masks required for all when practicable | 3’ Social Distancing for choir when masked6’ Social Distancing for band. Bell covers required for wind instruments Masks required for all when practicable |
| **20** | **Instruction During Quarantine***Asynchronous instruction with daily tutoring and check in will be available only for students who are under mandatory quarantines.* |  |  |  |  |