



# East Moriches Union Free School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this correspondence finds you well. I wanted to provide a brief update on the district's reopening plans for September. Included at the end of this letter are links to the documents from the New York State Education Department, OSHA, and Governor Cuomo's Office. These documents outline the regulations that the district's Safety Committee has been referencing while developing a reopening plan.

The guidance that has been issued provides wonderful news for the East Moriches School District. In short, we anticipate educating all of our students, on site, every day. At the start of the year we will not be using a virtual or hybrid model for instruction unless ordered to do so by the Governor's office. In order to deliver in person instruction and provide a safe and clean environment, adjustments will be made to what the normal school day looks like. A few of the highlights include:

- Systematic cleaning of all multi touch surfaces will occur throughout the day.
- Daily disinfection of all classrooms, lavatories, and offices, etc.
- Students will be “cohorting” into one classroom by homeroom/grade level to the largest extent possible and teachers will push into the classroom to conduct their lesson.
- Students will be socially distanced in their classrooms.
- Students will wear masks throughout the day. Appropriate “mask breaks” will be built into the day. Masks should be provided by parents/guardians.
- Staff members will wear masks.
- Staff members will attest daily, via questionnaire, that they have not been exposed to COVID-19 and are not exhibiting symptoms related to COVID-19.
- Parents will be required to keep students home if they are exhibiting COVID-19 related symptoms. Parents should question their child each morning to ensure that they are symptom free.
- Transportation guidelines mandate social distancing and the use of masks. This limits the number of students that our large school busses can carry to roughly 21.
- Transportation needs will be reassessed and an emphasis on parent drop off and parent pick up will be highly encouraged. A survey for parents to opt out of bussing will become public in the very near future.
- Traffic patterns may be adjusted at each building to accommodate a larger number of cars at arrival and dismissal.
- School start and end times, and the accompanying building open and closure times will be strictly enforced.
- All before and after school programs will be conducted virtually. Specific guidance has not been provided for Middle School sports at this time. It is anticipated that all sports will occur in the Spring.
- The Social and Emotional needs of each student will be monitored and addressed throughout the day/week/year.

This list is by no means complete and is subject to the Governor's final approval during the week of August 1-7, but I felt it prudent to communicate as early as possible that we are open for business in September, albeit with a few changes to what was once considered normal. As a district, we are in a wonderful place when it comes to in-person instruction. The collective support and willingness of the staff, parents, and the Board of Education to continue to provide a world class education to the students of East Moriches is amazing.

Thank you for your time, patience, and support as we move closer to returning our students to a more normal learning experience. Be well and stay safe and if questions or concerns arise, please feel free to reach out to your respective building for guidance.

Sincerely,

Daniel J. McKeon  
Superintendent of Schools  
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<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/reopening-schools/nys-p12-school-reopening-guidance.pdf>

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