

# MOUNT SINAI SCHOOL DISTRICT REOPENING 2020-2021

**Preliminary**

Information For Reopening the  
Mount Sinai School District  
During The COVID-19 Health Emergency

July 31, 2020

**Updated August 12, 2020**

Plans subject to change based on updates and clarification from NYSED, NYSDOH and NY Governor's orders

# Criteria for Reopening Schools

On July 13, 2020, Governor Cuomo announced new, data-driven guidance for reopening schools in New York State.

Schools in a region can reopen if that region is in Phase IV of reopening and if the daily infection rate remains below 5 percent, using a 14-day average since unPAUSE was lifted.

Schools will close if the regional infection rate rises above 9 percent, using a 7-day average, after August 1.

On August 7, 2020 the Governor stated that based on the State's COVID-19 infection rates, schools may open this fall but must follow the guidelines put forth by the CDC and the Department of Health.

The Mount Sinai District and Building Reopening Plans will be updated as additional guidance is received.



# Mount Sinai School District Reopening GOALS

- Health, safety and well-being of students, staff and community is paramount
- To return all students to in-person instruction on a consistent basis as soon as possible
- Need to consider 3 scenarios for reopening
  - ✓ All students In-Person
  - ✓ Hybrid Model- Combination of In-Person and Remote Learning
  - ✓ Remote Learning Model
- Provide supports for students/families and staff before/during/after reopening

# Formal Guidance



Districts received formal guidance from the CDC, the NYS Department of Health and from the NYS Education Department.

Requirements from the documents were followed in developing Mt Sinai School Districts reopening plans

NYSDOH of Guidance:

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/governor.ny.gov/files/atoms/files/Pre-K_to_Grade_12_Schools_MasterGuidance.pdf)

NYSED Preliminary Guidance\*

<http://www.nysed.gov/common/nysed/files/programs/reopening-schools/nys-p12-school-reopening-guidance.pdf>

\*NYSED Guidance documents contain portions for which we await further clarification.

# Required for Reopening Schools

- Face Masks
- Social Distancing
- Daily Health Screenings
- Facilities, Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfecting practices
- Working with local Department of Health
- Transportation- Changes
- School Meals- Changes
- Classroom-Changes

# Face Coverings Masks

- To be worn at all times by all individuals when 6 ft. of social distancing cannot be maintained
- Masks must be worn on the school bus
- Mask breaks will be given when students are socially distanced and seated at their desks or eating during meals
- Students and staff will bring masks from home.
- Masks should cover both the nose and mouth.
- Replacement masks will be available if someone forgets or soils their mask.

# Social Distancing

- 6 ft. of space between individuals is needed in classrooms
- Certain activities have a mandate of 12 ft. for social distancing (Singing, woodwind instruments, certain physical activity)
- Every classroom will have 12-20 students (depending on room size)
- Remove all non-essential equipment and furniture from rooms to maximize space
- Use alternative spaces to provide sufficient room for instruction
- Appropriate spacing for seating in cafeterias and auditoriums
- Some Hallways/Stairways will be designated as One-Way passage
- Exploring use of outside tented areas for meals weather permitting



## Daily Health Screenings



- Daily Health Screening Questionnaire for staff and students
- Daily Temperature check of each individual prior to entering building
- Temperature check may be done at-home
- If student has a temperature of 100 or higher, do not send them to school!
- If a student develops a temperature while at school, they will go to nurse/designated area and remain with staff until picked-up from school





## Facilities, Hygiene, Cleaning and Disinfecting Practices

- Students and staff will be instructed in proper hand and respiratory hygiene
- Regular cleaning of restrooms, frequently touched surfaces (care tables, counters, door handles etc.) throughout the day
- Custodians will maintain cleaning logs for the areas to which they are assigned
- Drinking fountains will be closed. Bottle refilling stations will remain open
- Increased ventilation



# Working with Suffolk County Department of Health

- District must work with the local DOH to develop plans for when a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19
- District will coordinate with DOH regarding Stay-home guidelines, school closure and quarantine measures
- Coordinate with DOH regarding Contact Tracing
- District must have flexibility to adapt to regional changes in COVID-19 status

# Transportation



- Masks must be worn by all individuals on the School bus.
- Number of students on the bus will be decreased to allow allow for social distancing
- Household members are welcome to share the same seat on the bus

# School Meals

- Social distancing will be required during meals as students may eat without masks
- No buffet style meal service is permitted
- Pre-packaged lunches will be provided
- Students are welcome to bring lunch from home
- Students eligible for free or reduced lunch will be provided school meals on a daily basis- whether they are In-Person or Remote Learning
- When Meals are provided in the Cafeteria or other shared spaces, all tables, chairs, surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected prior to the next group of students



# Classrooms



- Desks will be arranged 6 ft. apart for social distancing
- All non-essential furniture and equipment will be removed to add space
- Windows can be opened for increased ventilation
- Students will be provided mask breaks when seated at their desks

# Instruction

Focus on:

- Core Instruction
- Assessment of Achievement
- Recovery of Skills
- Subsequent Progress and Growth
- Continued Social Emotional Well-Being

# In-Person Model

Mount Sinai School District's goal is to return all students K-12 to in-person instruction on a daily basis

However

Given the nature of COVID-19 and the need to follow mandatory guidelines for reopening, the buildings in the district need to initially prepare for a hybrid model

# Hybrid Model-Preliminary

## Grades K-5

- Students in Grades K-5 will be able to attend In-person instruction four days per week. (room and class size allow for social distancing)
- Students receiving special education programs in self-contained classrooms Grades K-12 will be able to attend in-person instruction four days per week (class sizes of 15 or less and room size)

### Sample Hybrid Schedule Grades K-5 and S/C classes

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
K-5 & S/C classes In-Person	K-5 & S/C classes In-Person	K-5 & S/C classes Remote	K-5 & S/C classes In-Person	K-5 & S/C classes In-Person



# Hybrid Model-Preliminary

## Grades 6-12

- Students in Grades 6-12 will attend In-Person instruction two days per week and will participate in Remote Learning instruction three days per week
- Grades 6-12-Students will be assigned alphabetically to a cohort A or B
- Students from the same household will be assigned the same cohort even if last names differ.
- Sample Schedule Grades 6-12 Cohort A/B

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cohort A & S/C classes In-Person	Cohort A & S/C classes In-Person	Grades 6-12 & S/C classes	Cohort B & S/C classes In-Person	Cohort B & S/C classes In-Person
Cohort B Remote	Cohort B Remote	Remote	Cohort A Remote	Cohort A Remote

# Sample Schedule Elementary School Preliminary Grades K-4 and Self-Contained Classes

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1st Period	Read Aloud/Word Study	Read Aloud/Word Study	REMOTE INSTRUCTION (Posted by 9 AM on Google Classroom)	Read Aloud/Word Study	Read Aloud/Word Study
2nd Period	Writing	Writing		Writing	Writing
3rd Period	Reading Workshop	Reading Workshop		Reading Workshop	Reading Workshop
4th Period	LUNCH	LUNCH		LUNCH	LUNCH
5th Period	P.E.	Art		P.E.	Music
6th Period	Math	Math		Math	Math
7th Period	Social Studies	Science		Social Studies	Science

# Sample Schedule Middle School Grade 5

- Sample Schedule Grade 5 Hybrid Model

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Grade 5 S/C Classes In-Person	Grade 5 S/C Classes In-Person	Grade 5 S/C Classes Remote	Grade 5 S/C Classes In-Person	Grade 5 S/C Classes In-Person

# Sample Schedule Middle School-Secondary A/B Cohort

Sample is based on 7<sup>th</sup> grade courses; course titles will be different for each grade

Student in Cohort A: last name A – Kh

Monday <i>In-Person</i>	Tuesday <i>In-Person</i>	Wednesday <i>Remote</i>	Thursday <i>Remote</i>	Friday <i>Remote</i>
Period 1: Math 7	Period 1: Math 7	Remote Instruction: All Students – All Subjects	Remote Instruction: Math 7 S.S. 7 Science 7 Spanish 1A English 7	Remote Instruction: Math 7 S.S. 7 Science 7 Spanish 1A English 7
Period 2: S.S. 7	Period 2: S.S.7			
Period 3: Science 7	Period 3: Science 7			
Period 4: Lunch	Period 4: Lunch			
Period 5: Music	Period 5: P.E. 7			
Period 6: English 7	Period 6: English 7			
Period 7: Computer 7 (S1)	Period 7: Art 7 (S2)			
Period 8: Spanish 1A	Period 8: Spanish 1A			
Period 9: Tech 7 (S1)	Period 9: F & CS (S2)			

Student in Cohort B: last name Ki – Z

Monday <i>Remote</i>	Tuesday <i>Remote</i>	Wednesday <i>Remote</i>	Thursday <i>In-Person</i>	Friday <i>In-Person</i>
Remote Instruction: Math 7 S.S. 7 Science 7 Spanish 1A English 7	Remote Instruction: Math 7 S.S. 7 Science 7 Spanish 1A English 7	Remote Instruction: All Students – All Subjects	Period 1: Math 7	Period 1: Math 7
			Period 2: S.S. 7	Period 2: S.S. 7
			Period 3: Science 7	Period 3: Science 7
			Period 4: Lunch	Period 4: Lunch
			Period 5: Music	Period 5: P.E. 7
			Period 6: English 7	Period 6: English 7
			Period 7: Computer 7 (S1)	Period 7: Computer 7 (S2)
			Period 8: Spanish 1A	Period 8: Spanish 1A
			Period 9: Tech 7 (S1)	Period 9: F & CS (S2)

\*\* When Remote Instruction is taking place students must have all daily work completed between 9 am and 2 pm.

\*\*Teachers will post any assignments due by 9 am daily.

# Sample Schedule High School A/B Cohort

(Sample is based on 9<sup>th</sup> grade courses; course titles will be different for each grade)

Student in Cohort A: last name A – Kh

Monday <i>In-Person</i>	Tuesday <i>In-Person</i>	Wednesday <i>Remote</i>	Thursday <i>Remote</i>	Friday <i>Remote</i>
Period 1: Algebra I	Period 1: Algebra I	Remote Instruction: All Students – All Subjects	Remote Instruction: Algebra I Global History Earth Science Spanish II English 9	Remote Instruction: Algebra I Global History Earth Science Spanish II English 9
Period 2: Global History	Period 2: Global History			
Period 3: Earth Science	Period 3: Earth Science			
Period 4: Earth Science	Period 4: Phys. Ed.			
Period 5: Lunch	Period 5: Lunch			
Period 6: Spanish II	Period 6: Spanish II			
Period 7: Culture & Foods	Period 7: Culture & Foods			
Period 8: Ceramics	Period 8: Ceramics			
Period 9: English 9	Period 9: English 9			

Student in Cohort B: last name Ki – Z

Monday <i>Remote</i>	Tuesday <i>Remote</i>	Wednesday <i>Remote</i>	Thursday <i>In-Person</i>	Friday <i>In-Person</i>
Remote Instruction: Algebra I Global History Earth Science Spanish II English 9	Remote Instruction: Algebra I Global History Earth Science Spanish II English 9	Remote Instruction: All Students – All Subjects	Period 1: Algebra I	Period 1: Algebra I
			Period 2: Global History	Period 2: Global History
			Period 3: Earth Science	Period 3: Earth Science
			Period 4: Earth Science	Period 4: Phys. Ed.
			Period 5: Lunch	Period 5: Lunch
			Period 6: Spanish II	Period 6: Spanish II
			Period 7: Culture & Foods	Period 7: Culture & Foods
			Period 8: Ceramics	Period 8: Ceramics
			Period 9: English 9	Period 9: English 9

\*\* When Remote Instruction is taking place students must have all daily work completed between 9 am and 2 pm.

\*\*Teachers will post any assignments due by 8 am daily.

# Remote Learning

- Students are expected to participate in Remote Instruction
- Attendance will be taken via Google Classroom.
- The District will be using Google Classroom as the platform for Remote Learning
- Faculty has been offered Professional Development regarding Google Classroom during the summer
- Parents may view a PowerPoint and Instructional video regarding the use of Google Classroom on the District's website.
- In-Person Parent Google Parent Workshops may be scheduled pending reopening
- Documents related to the expectations for stakeholders engaged in Remote Learning are posted on the District's Website.

# Other Considerations

- Field Trips- At this time, we have canceled all field trips until further notice.
- Co-curricular Activities: We are making determinations regarding co-curricular activities (i.e. clubs, intramurals) on a case by case basis.
- Athletics: A determination will be made by NYS Public School Athletic Association and/or Section XI regarding Athletics and the District will abide by that determination.
- Large Group Events: All large group events have been canceled until further notice.
- Community Use of Schools: There will be no community use of facilities until further notice.
- School Visitors: Districts are mandated to limit on-site interactions (e.g., designating separate ingress or egress for faculty and staff, eliminating bidirectional flow of individuals to the extent practicable). As a result, we will limit visitors to essential and/or necessary functions (i.e. picking up your child).