



Glens Falls

CITY SCHOOLS

Plans for Reopening:
September 2021

as of August 16, 2021

Overarching goals for 2021-22:

- Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level
- **Prevent the spread** of COVID-19 among students, staff, and families
- Expand and embed **academic, social-emotional, and general health support** to all students

Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level

- Return to “typical” school schedules at every building
 - HS: 8:30 a.m. - 3:03 p.m.
 - MS: 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
 - Elems: 8:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
 - UPK is now full day: 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level

- **All-Virtual or Hybrid instruction will **not** be offered**
- **Every student** comes to school **every day**
 - All students follow the A-B-C-D (MS/HS) or elementary six-day cycle for block classes + specials ... no cohorting groups
(No Blue/Orange; No A-L or M-Z)

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- If a student is home **under mandatory quarantine by Warren Co. DOH**, they will have access to remote learning

Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level

- Students will be spaced at **three feet or more**, for social distancing (*Warren Co. Health, CDC, AAP guidelines*)
 - Classrooms re-configured to more “typical” layout at 3 feet of separation
 - Gyms back to full utilization for P.E.
 - Cafeterias back to full utilization for lunch

Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level

- Windows will remain open for fresh air as much as temperatures allow
- Air **filters** in classroom units remain MERV-11
- Air **purifiers** are being added to every classroom, in addition to the ventilation system

Be **in-person**, all the time, at every grade level

- Medical-grade air disinfection control units:



Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- DOH: Best mitigation strategies
 - **Vaccinations** for everyone eligible
 - The American Academy of Pediatrics, Warren County Public Health, and the Centers for Disease Control **all** recommend that children age 12 and older get the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - **Universal masking**
 - Case surge stemming from camps, travel, county fairs
 - Unvaccinated children are a large proportion of cases

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- All students, staff, and visitors will wear **face masks at all times indoors**, regardless of vaccination status

The CDC states that **unvaccinated people remain the greatest concern**. Although breakthrough infections in vaccinated people happen much less often than infections in unvaccinated people, individuals infected with the Delta variant, including fully vaccinated people with symptomatic breakthrough infections, can transmit it to others. Thus, **the CDC and the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) recommend [universal indoor masking](#) for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status and community transmission levels.**

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Masks can be **removed outdoors** during recess, with social distancing encouraged
- Masks will be removed for **eating/drinking**
- All individuals wear **masks on the bus**, following federal mass transit rules

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- Symptom screening questionnaires and fever checks at entrance doors will **not** be required
- It is expected that students, parents and staff members **continuously monitor themselves** for any signs of illness, and stay home if symptoms arise
- All students, staff, and visitors will be encouraged to wash their hands or use hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day

Prevent the spread of COVID-19

- If a student/staff member feels sick during the day:
 - ◆ Immediate nurse evaluation
 - ◆ If symptoms warrant, **nurse will administer a rapid COVID test**
 - Negative: normal procedures for ill person
 - Positive: isolation room; leave building ASAP

Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

- Targeted academic support will help students level-up and complete unfinished learning
- All student **clubs** will run, including Homework Club, Grades 4/5 after school STEAM Academy, etc.
- Community-building Circles will address trauma, strengthen relationships, expand belonging

Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

- ★ **All athletics will run**, with some additional measures:
 - High-risk sport athletes will be **tested weekly** at school for COVID-19, using rapid testing
 - Football, Volleyball, Swimming

Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

- ★ **All athletics will run**, with some additional measures:
 - **Outdoors:** Athletes, Coaches, Staff must wear a mask **when not competing**
 - **Indoors:** Athletes, Coaches, Staff must wear a mask **at all times**
 - We recommend that unvaccinated individuals and spectators wear masks and practice social distancing

Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

- ★ **Band, Chorus, and Orchestra** programs will run in their full capacity, with some additional measures:
 - Band and Chorus student-musicians **may be tested weekly** at school for COVID-19, using rapid testing

Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

- ❖ We anticipate using occasional, pre-announced **rapid-testing of the general student population** at school, as we did in January of 2021



Expand **academic, SEL, general health support**

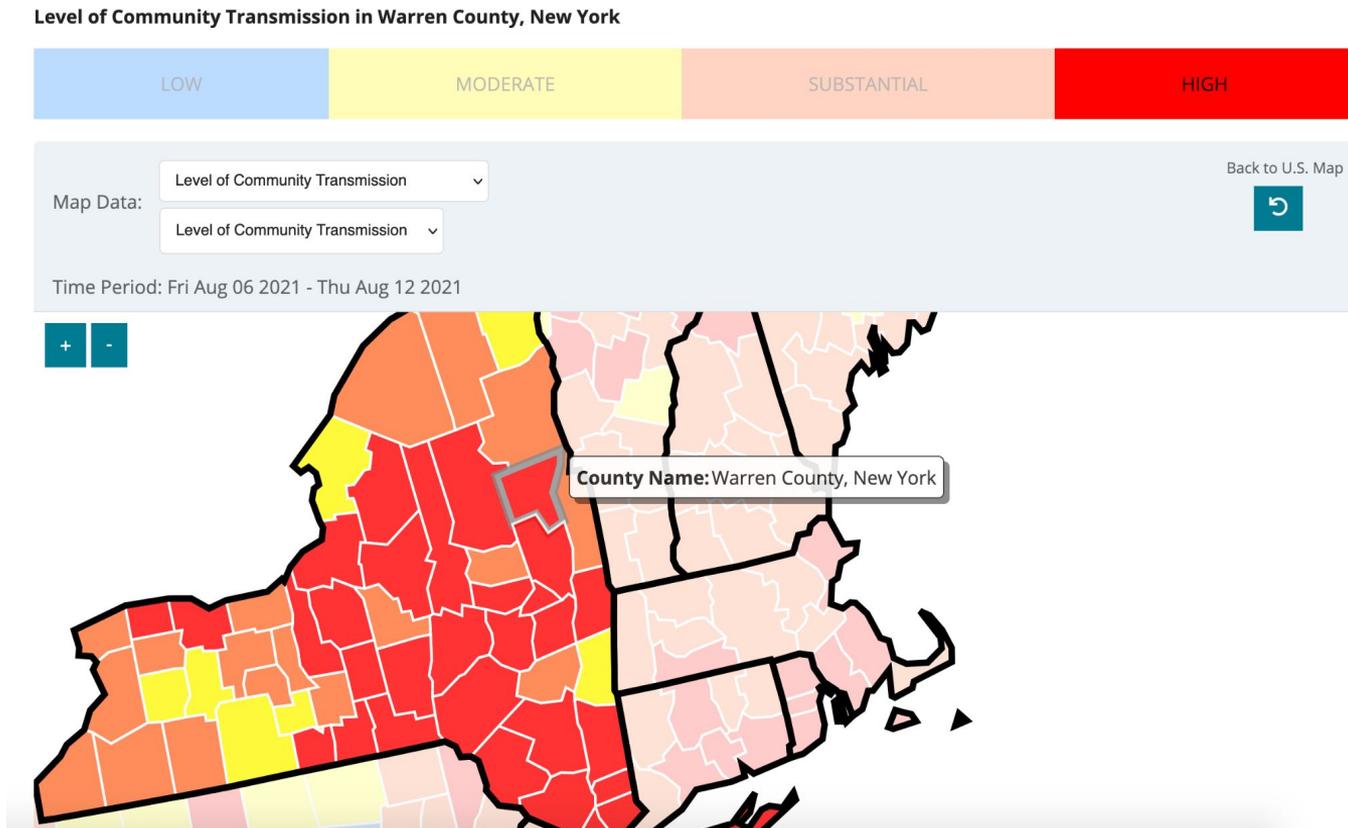
- ★ **All school meals remain free to every student through June of 2022**
 - Breakfast available on the way in
 - Complete lunch meals served

- ★ **All school supplies are again provided** by the district, to alleviate stress on families and prepare all students for success

Why these protocols are necessary:

→ High transmission rate in Warren Co.

◆ CDC map



Why these protocols are necessary:

- Local spread among unvaccinated **and** vaccinated
- Currently **139** active cases
- **Daily** double-digit increases in positive case load

WARREN COUNTY NEW YORK

Warren County COVID update

August 15, 2021

1 additional COVID fatality; 31 cases over weekend

Warren County Health Services regrets to report an additional COVID-19 death of a Warren County resident. An individual in their 70s with pre-existing conditions passed away after a stay in a hospital.

Warren County Health Services is monitoring **139** active COVID cases as of Sunday, 127 of them suffering from mild illness. Eleven (11) are hospitalized Sunday, a decrease of two (2) from Saturday. One (1) is in critical condition, and ten (10) are in moderate condition.

All of Sunday's cases involved community spread. Warren County Health Services continues to see significant numbers of new COVID cases related to workplace exposures, out-of-state travel and among children under the age of 12.

...result of the highly transmissible "Delta" variant of ... Disease Control's counties

Why these protocols are necessary:

- **Last year
Aug. 16, 2020**
- **7 active cases**
- **6 straight days
with **no** new
cases**

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Warren County's COVID-19 case numbers were unchanged as of Sunday. Warren County Health Services had no additional COVID-19 cases to report among Warren County residents, while there were also no additional recoveries documented.

Sunday marked 6 straight days with no new cases.

Warren County Health Services staff are currently monitoring seven (7) active cases as of Sunday, all of them with mild illness.

For the Capital Region's current COVID-19 metrics, which includes Warren County, go to: forward.ny.gov/early-warning-monitoring-dashboard as well as forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-region-dashboard and forward.ny.gov/percentage-positive-results-county-dashboard.

Bowling centers will be allowed to re-open at 50 percent capacity as of Monday. Alleys must separate bowling parties by a lane and all food and drinks must be ordered and delivered to bowlers at their lanes to minimize movement. Masks are required inside.

New York State is expected to announce new information Monday related to potential gym re-openings.

For business re-opening guidelines or questions, go to forward.ny.gov/.

Why these protocols are necessary:

- **Particular concern for children under 12**

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Children hospitalized with COVID-19 in U.S. hits record number

(Reuters) -The number of children hospitalized with COVID-19 in the United States hit a record high of just over 1,900 on Saturday, as hospitals across the South were stretched to capacity fighting outbreaks caused by the highly transmissible Delta variant.



How **your family** can stay healthy:

- **Do not come to school** if feeling ill; **stay home**
- **Get tested** if any symptoms arise
- **Vaccinate** every eligible family member

How **your family** can stay healthy:

POP UP COVID-19 CLINICS



Warren County Human Services Building

Every Monday Night

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Take A Bite

at the Bandstand in City Park

Downtown Glens Falls

Every Wednesday Night

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Food Truck Friday

Brant Lake Town Hall

Every Friday Night

Time: 5:00pm – 7:00pm

We are **GF NATION** strong!

