



Española Public Schools

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Re-Entry 2021-2022

Safely Returning to In-Person Instruction

July 26, 2021



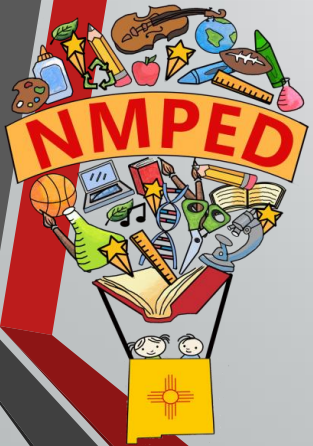
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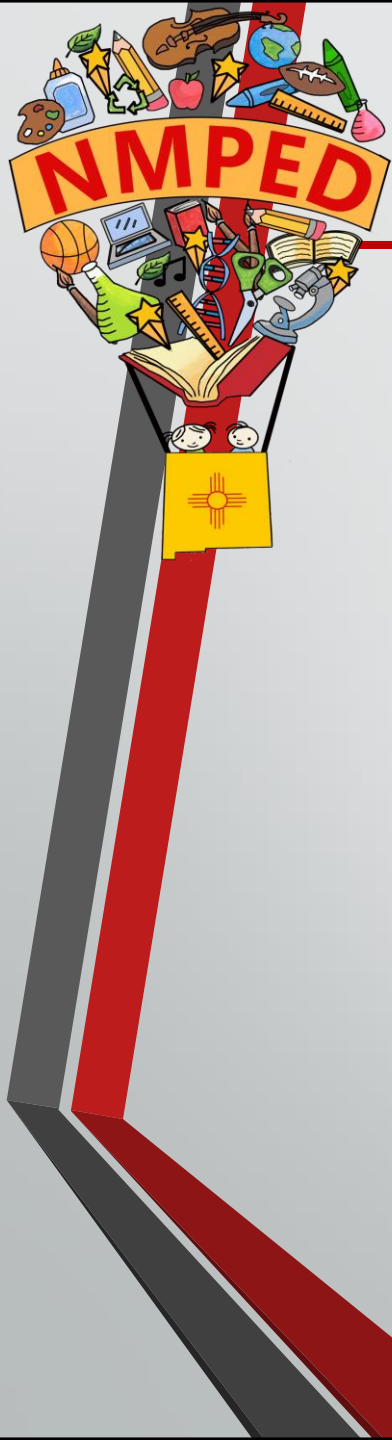
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Current NMPED Guidance

Española Public Schools has reviewed the most current guidance as set forth by NMPED and our current ***Revised Re-entry Plan 2021-2022*** to support the ***Safe Return to In-Person Instruction*** includes the requirements as outlined within:

- COVID-Safe Practices as outlined in the updated [NMPED COVID-19 Response Toolkit](#) (revised/released 7.26.21)





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UPDATED NMPED TOOLKIT GUIDANCE – Released July 26, 2021

Updates to the toolkit from the previously published version on April 20, 2021 include:

- Update to close contact definition
- Reduction in the NMPED COVID-19 hours of operation
- Removal of the school requirement to report COVID-19 cases to NMPED over weekends and holidays
- Update to which COVID-19 cases need reported (only report those who were infectious while on campus)
- Updates to testing and quarantine requirements based on vaccination status
- Update to surveillance testing requirements
- Addition of attendance considerations
- Updates to guidance on singing and playing wind instruments
- Removal of the prohibition on concessions at school events
- Removal of spectator requirements based on the Red-to-Green Framework
- Reduction in requirements related to sports and activities
- Updated guidance on mask requirements
- Updated mask guidance to align with current CDC guidance
- Updated guidance on social distance requirements
- Updated transportation guidance

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Plan Structure & Revisions



The Española Public Schools 2021-2022 Re-entry Plan - Safe Return to In-Person Instruction has been updated to include district information related to the 2021-2022 school year.

The revised plan also updates the structure of the plan to include guidance from NMPED [Reopening Roadmap 3.0](#), which includes the most relevant and up-to-date research, guidance and tools on the reopening topics school leaders have identified as being most urgent; including comprehensive review and planning.

The Española Public Schools Re-entry Plan 2021-2022 prioritizes a Safe Return to In-Person Instruction for students and outlines logistics specific to:

- Health, Safety, Scheduling and Logistics
- Academics
- Equity, Language and Culture
- Special Education
- Student SEL Supports
- Staffing
- Communications
- Budgeting



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Scheduling 2021-2022

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- Española Public Schools is prioritizing a Safe Return to In-Person Learning for all students in grades PK-12. All students are scheduled to return to In-Person Learning. Student schedules will follow traditional, in-person learning with increased health, safety and wellness procedures to support a safe return to in-person learning.
- Española Public Schools will continue to utilize technology resources and prioritize 1:1 devices for all students and staff to continuously develop technological skills and reduce the use of paper resources for submitting assignments. Teachers and students will continue to utilize the Google Suite and other digital resources to support instruction and learning.
- Española Public Schools will implement the **Extended Learning Time Program** for students, this program provides 10 additional days of instruction for students as well as additional afterschool programs for students to extend learning opportunities.
 - ❖ **First day of school for all K-12 grade students: Monday, August 9**
 - ❖ **First day of school for all Preschool students: Thursday, August 19**
- **Calendar Links:**
 - [2021-2022 K-12 Calendar](#) | [2021-2022 Pre-School Calendar](#) | [2021-2022 \(12 Month\) Employee Calendar](#) | [2021-2022 Employee Start/End Dates](#) |



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Scheduling 2021-2022 (continued)

Remote Learning Accommodations

- Medically fragile student with a documented health concern may be scheduled for remote learning options as an IEP or 504 accommodation with a qualifying need. At this time, remote learning options will be evaluated and scheduled on an individualized basis.
- Española Public Schools may extend remote, learn from home options as part of NMPED's contracted service with outside vendors for students who demonstrate a health need for at-home services. This option may be available on a limited basis for our most at-risk, health compromised students.

Remote Learning Notification

- Should there be a need to quarantine or isolate students, Española Public Schools will follow NMPED's Rapid Response Guidance and evaluate the need to isolate, quarantine and possibly return individual students, classrooms, school sites or the entire district to remote learning if needed.
- EPS will continuously monitor student and staff needs and assess options as the year develops for possible remote learning enhancements and opportunities.



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Health and Safety Logistical Highlights (part 1)

Mask Wearing – Per the current NMPED guidance, EPS we enforce mask wearing as follows

Elementary School Sites –

- All elementary school students, staff, visitors and volunteers must wear a mask while in the school building, on transportation or at an indoor school-sponsored event.
- The only time the face mask may be off is while eating and drinking during allowed times.
- It is recommended (not required) that unvaccinated students and staff wear masks while outdoors.

Secondary School Sites –

- In secondary schools (middle schools, and high schools) students, staff, and volunteers who have provided evidence of full vaccination are not required to wear masks while in the instructional setting (classrooms).
- During the instructional day, mask wearing will continue for all students, staff, volunteers and visitors during transitions, in congested indoor areas, and while on EPS transportation.
- It is recommended (not required) that unvaccinated students and staff wear masks while outdoors.
- Note: All secondary students, staff, and volunteers will be required to wear a mask for the first 2 weeks of instruction while vaccination data is collected and a verification system is established. Students, staff, volunteers and parents will be informed when this system is in effect.

Visitors to School Sites –

- Access to school buildings will be limited as much as possible.
- All visitors will be required to wear a mask while indoors during regular school hours.



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Health and Safety Logistical Highlights (part 2)

- **Hygiene** – continue hand washing/sanitization procedures to minimize spread.
- **Temperature Checks** – as recommended per the current NMPED guidance, EPS will continue to implement point of entry temperature checks for all student and full point of entry screenings and temperature checks utilizing the Dr. Owl application for all staff and scheduled visitors.
- **Social Distancing** – Per the current NMPED guidance, EPS continue to implement social distancing protocols to the greatest extent possible, to include:
 - **Bus Services** – maximum 2 students per seat, masks required for all students, passengers and drivers.
 - **Cafeteria** – to the greatest extent possible, students will sit in cohort / classroom seating on only one side of the cafeteria tables
 - **Classroom seating** – student desks will be arranged individually facing a single direct (no group seating arrangements)
 - **Elementary specials** – to the greatest extent possible, elementary special teachers will push into the classroom to minimize transition and contain cohort grouping to the homeroom class.
 - **Locker rooms** – locker room use for sports and PE classes will be limited.



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Health and Safety Logistical Highlights (part 3)

- **Limited Campus Accessibility** – school campuses will be open to all student and closed to outside visitors. Limited access by non-students will be enforced. All general assemblies as well as parent meetings and conferences will continue online. Teachers will maintain regular office hours per their assigned prep periods and post regular links to office hours for parents and students.
- **Vaccination Tracking** – we will continue to collect staff vaccination records and begin tracking student vaccination to possibly determine future non-mask use for vaccinated individuals.
- **Rapid Response** – will continue to designate an isolation area for sick children/staff and contact trace if/when necessary.
- **Surveillance Testing** – will maintain compliance with surveillance testing for non vaccinated staff and students as required.
- **Ventilation** – ongoing use of high- quality air filters to include established and written protocol on inspecting, repairing and providing maintenance on ventilation systems within all school facilities. Additional precautions may include: run the central air fan continuously; open dampers to increase air flow; open windows and doors (be mindful of possible safety considerations); and deploy box fans or other portable fans and air purifiers with high air circulation capacity in addition to prioritizing the use of these items in classrooms with higher ventilation needs.
- **Cleaning of school facilities** – implement standard cleaning procedures and protocols following CDC guidance to protect the health, safety, and wellbeing of students, teachers, other school staff, families, and communities.



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Academic Highlights

- **Curriculum & Instruction** – district adopted curriculum has been used as the primary means of instruction following approved pacing guidance to ensure students receive rigorous, robust learning aligned to New Mexico learning standards. School Curriculum Guides will continue to be utilized to support learning at all levels (PK-12).
- **Technology** – ongoing, prioritized use of technology and technology resources as a primary means of delivery of content. The Google platform will continue to be utilized and integrated with Synergy Gradebook to provide seamless feedback and communication with students and parents regarding student progress and performance.
 - District issued devices and internet connectivity for identified students in need will continue.
- **Office Hours** – established office hours for teaching and support staff will continue. Office hour schedules and links will be posted.
- **Grading** – Traditional letter grading following district approved policy will be utilized for grades 1-12. Developmental grading following district approved policy will be used for Pre-K and Kindergarten students.
- **Attendance** – The Attendance for Success Act requires that school attendance data be reported to the New Mexico Public Education Department (NMPED). Students are expected to attend instructional programs as provided by their school, each day. Attendance must continue to be taken and reported to the NMPED.
- **Monitoring Program Effectiveness** – Common schedules, lesson planning, PLC review of data and planning and administrative observation of classroom instruction will continue to be utilized to support and ensure appropriate curriculum delivery.



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What resources are currently available for students and staff regarding Re-entry for the 2021-2022 school year?

- [2021-2022 K-12 Calendar](#) [Posted]
- [2021-2022 Pre-School Calendar](#) [Posted]
- [School Supply List 2021-22](#) (All Schools) [Posted]
- [School Dress & Uniform Guidance 2021-22](#) (All Schools) [Posted]
- [Registration & Enrollment 2020-2021](#) [Posted]
- [Transportation Services](#) [Pending revised routes]
- [2021-2022 Reentry Plan – School Plans](#) [Pending]
- [2021-2022 Reentry Plan – School Welcome Presentations](#) [Pending]
- [2021-2022 \(12 Month\) Employee Calendar](#) [Posted]
- [2021-2022 Employee Start/End Dates](#) [Posted]
- [2021-2022 Employee Pay Dates](#) [Posted]
- [2021-2022 Reentry Plan Presentation](#) [Posted]



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Closing acknowledgement:

- Española Public Schools will continue to prioritize student and staff wellness and respond appropriately to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Española Public School will continually monitor staffing, class sizes and the needs of the community and respond appropriately as needed to continue to ensure appropriate services for all EPS students are provided.





Questions?