

# Hooksett Memorial School

## FAQs for Reopening 2020-2021

On July 29, 2020, the Hooksett School Board voted and approved a model in which parents/guardians could select either full-time/in-person learning or full-time remote learning. Below are frequently asked questions that parents and students may have.



### 1. What are the protocols for responding to COVID-19?

Every effort will be made to limit the exposure of the school community to the COVID-19 virus. Systematic protocols were developed to keep students, families, staff and the surrounding community physically and emotionally safe and healthy. These protocols were developed using guidance from [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\)](#), [New Hampshire Department of Health and Human Services](#), [American Academy of Pediatrics](#). These protocols can be located in the [Hooksett Memorial Reopening Manual](#) on the school's website.

### 2. Are students and staff required to wear cloth face coverings/masks?

Yes, cloth face coverings/masks, will be required for school staff, bus drivers, and food service employees. Hooksett students in grades 2-8 will need to wear masks unless there is a medical condition that precludes them from wearing them.

### 3. Will there be any times students can take off their cloth face coverings/masks?

Yes, cloth face coverings/masks breaks will occur frequently throughout the day for students and staff and while eating and drinking. Teachers are encouraged to take students outside for cloth face coverings/masks breaks when weather permits.

### 4. Will my child be in the same homeroom all day?

Students will be in their homerooms for a majority of the day. They will also stay with their classmates for a majority of their day. Limiting student movement through hallways will aid in reducing the spread of the virus. Unified Arts teachers will travel to classrooms rather than students traveling to the Unified Arts classrooms. Classes may occur outside with social distancing if the weather permits.

### 5. What will social distancing look like at Hooksett Memorial School?

Classrooms will be rearranged to accommodate 3-feet social distancing. All students' desks and chairs will be facing in the same direction. Visual supports have been placed in the hallways to support students with physical distance while walking in the hallways. The floors have marked walking paths and directional arrows have been placed on walls. Student movement through the school will be staggered to create physical distance whenever possible.

### 6. Where will students eat lunch?

Students will eat lunch in the cafeteria or the gymnasium at lunch tables and desks. Students will have assigned seats and they will be seated 6-feet apart.

### 7. How will students order their lunch and breakfast?

Students will order lunch for the day in the homeroom after morning announcements. Students will order their breakfast for the next school day at the time of ordering lunch for the present day.

**8. How will recess be handled?**

Students will still have recess time. A cohorting model will be followed during recess periods. The playground will be divided into four zones. Each homeroom class will be assigned a specific zone daily for recess to reduce crowding. Students will be required to stay in their assigned zone for recess to avoid exposure to other students outside of their cohort/homeroom. Students will be reminded to follow 6-foot physical distancing guidelines at recess. Students will be required to wear masks at recess time. Playground equipment (swings, slides, climbing structures) will remain closed. Shared playground supplies (balls, jump ropes, etc.) will not be allowed. Recess duty staff may facilitate activities that support physical distancing. Students will follow proper hand hygiene practices before and after recess.

**9. Do I have to screen my child before they get on the bus or arrive at school?**

Yes, parents must screen their children before departing for the bus stop or arriving at school. Parents must use the PickUp Patrol App to answer the COVID-19 symptoms and exposure questions and to document their child's temperature at home. Students exhibiting symptoms at home may not attend school. If a parent does not submit the daily screening via the PickUp Patrol App, the student will immediately be screened for symptoms and have a temperature check by the school nurse or administration before they go to class. PickUp Patrol is paid for by the school district.

**10. If I selected the remote learning option for my child when would he/she be able to switch to the in-person model?**

Currently, the date is December 2, 2020, which is the first day of the second trimester. The Hooksett School Board will be developing a policy regarding this matter. There has been discussion that the policy will include a process for parents to request a change in placement.

**11. If the school is required to shut down as a result of COVID-19 and my child is enrolled in remote learning does their schedule and teachers change?**

No, all remote students will remain with their remote learning teachers and continue to use the remote learning master schedule.

**12. If the school is required to shut down for in-person learning as a result of COVID-19 will my child attend classes via Zoom?**

Yes, in the event that school is closed for an extended period of time as a result of COVID-19, students and staff who are enrolled in **in-person learning** will follow a daily schedule in which they participate in lessons with their teacher through Zoom. Students will also attend Unified Arts classes through Zoom. The schedule will simulate a regular in-person school day from 9:00 am - 3:15 pm. There will be breaks in between lessons and time to complete self-paced assignments.

**13. Will students be grading using Pass/Incomplete if the school is shut down as a result of COVID-19?**

No, students will be assessed using the traditional grading system as outlined in the parent/teacher handbook for all learning scenarios this school year.

***If you have further questions please refer to the [Hooksett Memorial Reopening Manual](#) document on the school's website.***