

**Overview of Potential Return to Full In-Person Learning at the Secondary Level  
(Cole & EGHS) in SY 2020-2021  
East Greenwich Public Schools**

**March 27, 2021**

The proposed plan below is contingent upon the issuance of revised guidelines from the Rhode Island Department of Health (“RIDOH”) that will reflect updated social distancing and bus capacity requirements. It is expected that RIDOH will communicate these new guidelines in the coming week or two. Our approach to school planning is, and has always been, to place the safety and health of our students, staff, and families as our first priority. East Greenwich Public Schools will continue to follow the guidance established by RIDOH.

[Click here](https://forms.gle/uDDudkvsMLzwJ5ps8) or copy and paste <https://forms.gle/uDDudkvsMLzwJ5ps8> into your browser to access “EGHS & COLE: Mode of Instruction for the Remainder of the 20-21 School Year” Survey

Topic	Details
<p><b>Current mitigation measures in place</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Universal masking</li> <li>● HVAC systems that were evaluated by the visiting <a href="#">Education Operations Center</a> (“EDOC”) Team in September and awarded the highest rating. Air exchanges = 4 per hour</li> <li>● Portable Hepa Air Filtration Units in all classrooms and offices. Air exchanges = 4 per hour</li> <li>● Enhanced cleaning protocols</li> <li>● Daily attestation submission from students and staff</li> <li>● Asymptomatic testing</li> <li>● Experienced school nurses and principals in assessing conditions, preliminary investigation and contact tracing</li> <li>● Dedicated EDOC/RIDOH staff assigned to East Greenwich Schools</li> <li>● Principals/Nurses participate in biweekly school district meetings with RIDOH/EDOC staff</li> <li>● Compliance with the established <a href="#">Outbreak Response Protocols PreK-12</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Conditions that allow for increased in-person learning</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Updated guidance is expected from RIDOH in the coming weeks.</li> <li>● East Greenwich teachers and staff have the opportunity to be fully vaccinated as of April 1.</li> <li>● The warmer weather will allow us to take advantage of more open windows and increased air circulation.</li> <li>● More outdoor spaces for classes and lunch periods will be available through the use of existing spaces and tents at each school.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued meetings and planning including the Teaching and Learning Workgroup and building based staff.</li> </ul>
<b>Steps in the process</b>	Superintendent will be presenting the proposed plan for discussion and approval by the SC at the 4/6 meeting.
<b>Projected start date for the return to full in-person return</b>	<p>Monday, April 26, 2021</p> <p>The week of April break will allow the middle and high schools staff the necessary time to move furniture and set up the buildings properly.</p> <p>An April 26 start date incorporates the two-week waiting period after the April 1 employee vaccination date that allows for maximum immunity.</p>
<b>What are the plans for transportation?</b>	<p>We are currently working with our busing provider - Ocean State Transit - to confirm existing ridership and bus capacity. We anticipate that any student who is currently attending in the 50/50 hybrid model (or currently 100% In-person) <u>who is currently assigned busing</u> will be able to take the bus Monday-Friday.</p> <p>The District will reach out to all families whose children are currently assigned to busing to confirm that they still require transportation for the remainder of the school year. Should ridership be lower than anticipated and/or spacing guidelines allow for additional riders, the District may entertain the addition of new riders in a method still to be determined.</p>
<b>Will distance learning still be available?</b>	<p>Depending on the situation, yes.</p> <p><u>100% distance learning for the remainder of this school year</u> remains an option for all students. Those wishing to remain or move to 100% DL should select this option in the survey.</p> <p>Additionally, <u>temporary distance learning</u> will be made available to any student who needs to be home <u>due to a COVID related matter</u> (awaiting test results, tests positive but is well enough to engage in schooling, quarantine due to close contact, etc.)</p> <p><u>Temporary distance learning</u> is <b>NOT</b> available due to a desire to be a distance learner for a specific event, class, day, week, month (i.e. overslept, missed the bus, on vacation, college visit, resting for athletics, etc.).</p>
<b>My child is a distance learner because of a personal health condition. Can my child return to in-person if we feel comfortable doing so once they are fully</b>	Yes. Please contact your child's guidance counselor and principal to make them aware of the situation and the anticipated date of return to full in person.

<b>vaccinated?</b>	
<b>My child is a distance learner because of a health matter related to an immediate family member in the household. Can I have my child return to in-person when the family member is fully vaccinated?</b>	Yes. Please contact your child's guidance counselor and principal to make them aware of the situation and the anticipated date of return to full in person.
<b>Need further information or have clarifying questions?</b>	Contact: Superintendent Meyer at ( <a href="mailto:ameyer@egsd.net">ameyer@egsd.net</a> ) or Assistant Superintendent Podraza at ( <a href="mailto:mpodraza@egsd.net">mpodraza@egsd.net</a> )