

Port Byron CSD Reopening Plan

2023-2024

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The goals of the Port Byron Central School District are to keep students and staff members healthy and safe, be responsive to student needs, and maximize in-person teaching and learning. This is a dynamic plan. We can adjust protocols to be more/less restrictive based on the COVID- 19 infectious rates in Cayuga County and in the communities that make up the Port Byron Central School District.

The protocols listed below are based on widely accepted recommendations from health and safety professionals, in addition to hours of conversations amongst different stakeholder groups. The Cayuga County Health Department and the New York State Education Department based their recommendations from guidance shared by the Center for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC recommends a layered approach to mitigation strategies in schools. The layers of protection include:

- Staying up to date on vaccinations
- Staying home when sick
- Ventilation
- Proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Routine cleaning and disinfection

Staying Up to Date on Vaccinations - The Port Byron Central School District will continue to partner with the Cayuga County Health Department to promote equitable access to vaccinations.

Staying Home When Sick - People who have symptoms of respiratory or gastrointestinal infections, such as cough, fever, sore throat, vomiting, or diarrhea, should stay home. Testing is recommended, but not required.

Ventilation - The Port Byron CSD exceeds all CDC recommendations for ventilation and air filtration. All classrooms contain 1-2 air purifiers to increase ventilation.

Hand Hygiene & Respiratory Etiquette - The Port Byron CSD teaches proper handwashing to lower the risk of spreading viruses. All classrooms contain hand sanitizing stations, containing 60% alcohol. The Port Byron CSD also teaches and reinforces covering coughs and sneezes to help keep individuals from getting and spreading germs.

Cleaning - The Port Byron CSD cleans surfaces at least once a day to reduce the risk of germs spreading.