

Erie 1 BOCES Instructional Services

Alternative Education | Career and Technical Education | Special Education

May 20, 2021

In accordance with CDC guidelines and as a result of reduced COVID-19 transmission rates in Erie County, Erie 1 BOCES will move to a reduced physical distancing model of 6ft to 3ft between students. This will become effective Monday, May 24, 2021. As always, we will be working in cooperation with the Erie County Department of Health and our partnering component School Districts to carefully monitor the situation.

Per CDC guidelines, 6ft of physical distancing will remain in place under the following circumstances:

- Between students and adults.
- When eating or drinking.
- Anytime masks are removed (e.g. mask breaks).
- Outside of the classroom (e.g. lobbies, cafeterias, hallways).
- During any activity that requires projecting the voice (e.g. singing).

Close contacts to someone infected with COVID-19 will continue to include those within 6ft of the infected individual for 10 minutes or more. However, fully vaccinated individuals will not need to quarantine so long as they remain symptom-free.

NYSDOH and Erie 1 BOCES recognizes that certain scenarios may prevent physical distancing from occurring, such as providing essential classroom instruction, medical care or student comfort and support. Erie 1 BOCES will minimize this contact to the greatest extent possible and continue to ensure appropriate prevention measures such as cleaning, disinfection, masking, hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette are maintained during these temporary episodes.

All student schedules will remain in place with no changes at this time. This means that K-6 students in Exceptional Education will be in-person 5 days per week. Alternative Education students will be in-person 4 days and learn remotely on Wednesdays only. Career and Technical Education students will continue follow their Home School schedule meaning that whatever days they are in-person at the Home School they are in-person with Erie 1 BOCES.

Additional COVID-related information and resources, including our revised Reopening Plan can be found on our website at www.e1b.org/covid. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to anyone of us. A listing of school contact information can be found [here](#).

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