

Dutchess BOCES Reopening Plan 2021-2022 Addendum: September 9, 2021

The New York State Department of Health issued new guidance for reopening P-12 schools for the 2021-2022 school year on September 3, 2021. After review, Dutchess BOCES is adding new procedures governing the vaccination status of employees. Reference: New York State Health Department Commissioner's regulation (NYCRR 2.62)

Contact Tracing, Vaccination, and Required Testing:

In order to create and maintain the most safe and healthy environment for all students and staff, the following procedures will be in place for all Dutchess BOCES employees:

Employees are required to report their vaccination status for COVID-19 to Human Resources. Any employee who fails to report a vaccination status, will be presumed unvaccinated.

Effective September 27, 2021, all Dutchess BOCES faculty and staff who are not fully vaccinated must present a negative COVID -19-test result weekly. Self-administered rapid COVID -19 tests are not admissible. Proof of a negative test should be sent to: empweeklytest@DCBOCES.ORG

If an unvaccinated employee cannot provide a negative COVID-19 test result each Monday, he/she may not enter Dutchess BOCES schools or offices.