

Return to School

September 1, 2021

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Full In-Person Learning

Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational Technical High School will return our regular daily schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), remote learning will not be accepted as time on learning for the 2021-2022 school year. Should this change and there is need based on the status of the pandemic, we will be prepared to implement our remote learning plan.

The daily academic schedule is attached to this email.

Student/Staff Safety and Well-being

We believe strongly that being back at Northeast full-time is best for our students, and ensuring the health and safety of everyone inside Northeast is our top priority. Northeast's health and safety precautions from the spring of 2021 will remain in effect and include the CDC recommended protocols for mitigating the spread of COVID-19. These include but are not limited to:

- The wearing of face masks in the building and on school buses at all times with the exception of designated "mask breaks," breakfast, shop breaks, and lunch. **THE WEARING OF FACE MASKS IS NON-NEGOTIABLE.** The Northeast School Committee will be issuing a mask policy that complies with the mandate from the Massachusetts DESE following their meeting on September 9, 2021.
- Student will continue to remain 6 feet apart for mask breaks.
- Sanitizing of surfaces during the school day and overnight will continue.
- Hand sanitizer will be available at all entrances to NEMT and in all classrooms and shop spaces.
- Northeast will adhere to all guidelines issued by the CDC and the Massachusetts DESE concerning close contacts and becoming ill with COVID-19.
- Northeast will continue to be in close contact with the local boards of health in our communities, including Wakefield, where our school is located, as well as the cities/towns of any affected students or staff.
- Northeast will continue our contact tracing system for students and staff who potentially have been exposed to COVID-19 or are exhibiting symptoms.

Please keep your student home if they:

- Test positive for COVID-19
- Are awaiting results for a COVID-19 test
- Are a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19

- Are experiencing any symptoms of illness (and contact primary care physician)
- Have traveled to a high-risk area within the previous 14 days
- Have traveled outside the United States within the previous 14 days

If any of these scenarios apply to your student or family, please email one of our school nurses (pboivin@northeastmetrotech.com or asantarpio@northeastmetrotech.com) with your student's name, grade and best phone number at which to contact you. One of them will follow up with you.

Transportation

As usual, specific bus information will be available on our website. We will be following the DESE updated guidelines for buses. We have worked closely with our bus company to ensure bus drivers continue to follow and enforce health and safety protocols. These include mandatory face masks, proper social distancing while waiting for the bus, open windows, hand sanitizer, and thorough cleaning of the buses.

Non-bus students should not arrive at school before 7:30 am.