

- Instruct anyone that does not have a face covering to use their shirt to cover their nose and mouth during the event.

## Child Nutrition

All schools in the Schodack Central School District will follow SFA policies when communicating about school meal services, eligibility, options and changes in operations. All meals provided during the public health emergency will be available at no cost to all children. All communications will be provided through a variety of communication methods including website, social media, emails, robocalls, newsletters, and regular mail and translated into the languages spoken by families.

The Schodack Central School District has identified Brian Carey, Business Administrator, as the contact person to receive and respond to communications from families and to school staff. Families will be reminded in food service communications during the summer and periodically that they can submit a new application for free and reduced-price meals any time during the school year. Applications are available in each school building, on our website and through email or regular mail as needed. Phone in and in-person support to complete the application is available from Lisa Bryda in the Business Office.

Business Office Phone: (518) 732-2124

Brian Carey - [bcarey@schodack.k12.ny.us](mailto:bcarey@schodack.k12.ny.us)

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School meals will continue to be available to all students, including those attending school in-person and those learning remotely.

### Meals Onsite

For students onsite, meals will be provided while maintaining appropriate social distancing between students. Students do not need to wear face coverings when seated and eating so long as they are appropriately socially distanced.

The district will ensure social distancing between individuals while eating in the school cafeteria. If not feasible, meals may be served in alternate areas (e.g., classrooms, gym) or in staggered meal periods to ensure social distancing and proper cleaning and disinfection between students.

The sharing of food and beverages (e.g., buffet style meals, snacks) is prohibited, unless individuals are members of the same household. Adequate space will be reserved for students, faculty, and staff to observe social distancing while eating meals.

Breakfast and lunch will be served in the classrooms at Castleton Elementary School. At Maple Hill Jr./Sr. High School food will be served in the cafeteria, gym, and/or auditorium. Breakfast will be provided via grab-n-go for both locations. Lunches will be pre-ordered and packaged for all students in the buildings. Food Service employees will wear masks and gloves while preparing food. Any employee responsible for delivering food will be required to wear appropriate PPE (e.g. gloves, face coverings, etc) at all times.

Students with food allergies will be closely monitored in each building. Working with the school nurse and building administration, separated areas will be identified and designated for students with severe food allergies.

Hand hygiene will be promoted through training of students and staff. In addition, proper signage will be placed throughout the buildings to serve as reminders and to communicate expectations. Rules regarding the sharing of food/beverages will be discouraged through training, prompts, and reminders by staff during meal time. Per guidelines, six (6) feet of social distancing will be maintained while students are eating. All Child Nutrition requirements will be met through the food service operation.

### **Meals Offsite**

Meals will be available to all students regardless of whether students are learning in person or remotely. For students at home, families will have the ability to pick up breakfast and lunch in person. For students who are home and cannot pick up breakfast and lunch, a delivery option may be available by making arrangements with the district. If this is needed, please contact Brian Carey, Business Administrator, at [bcarey@schodack.k12.ny.us](mailto:bcarey@schodack.k12.ny.us) or (518) 732-2297.

## **Transportation**

The Schodack Central School District will conduct transportation activities that are consistent with state-issued public transit guidance and NYSED School Reopening Guidelines. Students and school staff must wear acceptable face coverings at all times on school buses (e.g., entering, exiting, and seated) and should maintain appropriate social distancing to the extent practicable.

Students who are able will be required to wear masks and social distance on the bus to the extent practicable; however, students whose physical or mental health would be impaired are not required to wear a face covering, but must be appropriately socially distanced. Members of the same household may be seated within six (6) feet of each other and will be required to sit together. Parents and legal guardians are encouraged to drop off or walk students to school to reduce density on buses.

All high-touch areas on buses will be cleaned/disinfected upon completion of each individual bus run to each school building. As buses finish each run in the morning and again in the afternoon, they will be cleaned/disinfected.

School buses shall not be equipped with hand sanitizer due to its combustible composition and potential liability to the district. School bus drivers, monitors and attendants must not carry personal bottles of hand sanitizer with them on school buses.

Wheelchair school buses will configure wheelchair placement to ensure social distancing of six (6) feet.

Whether school is in session remotely or otherwise, pupil transportation will be provided to nonpublic, parochial, private, charter schools or students whose Individualized Education Plans have placed them out-of-district whose schools are meeting for in-person sessions.