

COVID-19 & SCHOOLS

Information for Rochester and Monroe County



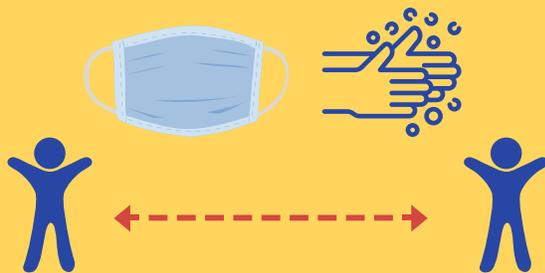
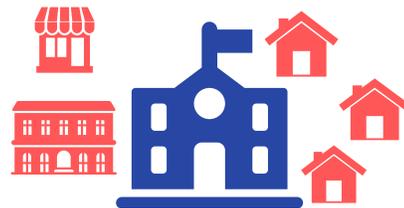
Monroe County school-aged children hospitalized since start of pandemic

FEW CHILDREN

In Rochester and Monroe County, few children have been infected and infections in children have been generally mild.

SAFE SCHOOLS

Almost all infections in children have happened OUTSIDE of schools.



HEALTHY HABITS

Wearing masks, washing hands, keeping distance, and avoiding large groups keep our children healthy at school and home.

READY RESPONSE

Our schools and health systems are working together. We will continue to collect feedback, share resources, and promote best practices.



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Current Data Regarding COVID-19 in Rochester and Monroe County

From the Department of Pediatrics and Child Health Primary Care Providers in Rochester

Few Children Have Been Infected in Monroe County

Only **9 school-aged children** have been hospitalized with COVID-19 in Monroe County. The cases have been generally **mild**. No children have died or been in the intensive care unit in Monroe County.

Schools Are Opening Safely

Around the country and in Monroe County, **schools have opened safely**. Very few students or teachers have been infected. Almost all of the cases have happened **outside** of school where children are playing with one another and families are socializing with other people. Part of why schools are safer than other places is because students and teachers are **wearing masks, social distancing, avoiding large group gatherings, washing/sanitizing their hands, and cleaning and disinfecting surfaces**.

No place is perfectly safe from the virus. **Schools are safer** because of the safety steps they are taking to reduce the risk of infection. Outside of school, your child may be playing and interacting with people who are not doing those safe practices. **You can check the infection rate for your child's school building and district at <https://schoolcovidreportcard.health.ny.gov>**

We Are Ready to Respond

Doctors, nurses, and physicians' assistants all want children to be healthy. We understand many families are worried about sending their children to school. By **working together**, we can reduce the risks so our children can learn, play, and grow safely.

We are studying the science, watching what happens in other counties and states, and using what we learn. Schools have many experts they can call on when they have questions or need help. We want all of our children to go back to school safely.

We pledge our healthcare, social emotional support, and public health education resources to help make that a reality.

If you have questions or concerns, please call your child's healthcare provider. They will work with you to make sure your child is safe and happy, learning and growing.