Social Distancing Protocol

• Social distancing, also called “physical distancing”, means maintaining at least 6 feet of distance between adults and between adult to students and at least 3 feet of distancing between students.
• Social distancing will be utilized in all school facilities.
• Student groupings will remain as static as possible by having the same group/cohort of students stay together throughout their school day.
• The size of groups/cohorts of students are determined by the number of students who can be in each classroom while maintaining at least 3 feet of distancing, where applicable.
• Designated areas for student drop off and pick up are identified.
• Whenever possible, the same cohort of students will remain with the same teacher each day.
• Distance of 6 feet or more will be maintained for activities requiring the projection of voice (e.g. singing) or playing a wind instrument.
• Student desks within the classroom setting all face the same direction, when possible.
• When safe and applicable, windows and doors will be opened to improve ventilation.
• Individual student belongings are kept separately, when possible.
• Sharing of items and equipment is discouraged. However, if items must be shared, appropriate cleaning must be ensured between use of students. Hand washing after shared use of items/equipment must also occur.
• Alternate spaces (e.g. classrooms) will be used for eating lunch and breakfast, when possible. If not possible or alternate spaces are unavailable, classroom groups will stay together in lunchrooms while adhering to social distancing minimum requirements between individuals and seating charts will be maintained.
• Elevator use is limited to one individual at a time unless the individual needs assistance. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings.
• Office spaces including faculty offices, administration offices, and the therapy rooms when used for meetings or sessions should only be used when 6 feet of physical distancing can be maintained. All individuals in such space will wear face coverings. Virtual meetings will be held whenever possible.