

Somerville Public Schools COVID-19 Safety Protocols for In-Person Volunteers

To help protect the health and safety of students, school staff, families, volunteers and the wider school community, adult volunteers serving regularly and in-person with Somerville Public Schools are required to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19. For the health and safety of school staff and students, as a volunteer, please do not enter school buildings without either a confirmed appointment or confirmed schedule for volunteering in person.

Somerville Public Schools will continue to follow mitigation measures that have been implemented throughout the year, including increased ventilation, routine pool testing and the distribution of at-home test kits for students and staff.

Please review the following safety protocols and communicate with your school supervisor about further school site safety requirements. For information about Somerville Public Schools' testing protocols, current SPS testing and tracing metrics and other COVID-19 information, please visit the [SPS COVID dashboard](#). The following safety protocols will be in place beginning May 6, 2022 until further notice.

Proof of Full Vaccination for COVID-19

Volunteers serving regularly in-person must provide proof of full vaccination for COVID-19. Proof of vaccination may be provided remotely or in person. Acceptable proof of vaccination include: CDC vaccination card, photo of CDC vaccination card, or state vaccination record or digital vaccine passport (this varies by state).

Masking

As of May 6, 2022, wearing of facial masks indoors in Somerville schools is *strongly encouraged* for all staff, students, volunteers and visitors. High quality N95 or KN95 masks are recommended. Somerville Public Schools may institute a temporary mask requirement in specific classrooms with multiple cases to decrease the chance of transmission.

Screening/Testing

SPS will increase rapid testing in any classrooms with potential in-school transmission. Somerville Public Schools has authorized in-person volunteers with a confirmed weekly schedule to join the weekly COVID-19 testing pool at their school site. Testing is voluntary for volunteers who are fully vaccinated and have provided proof of vaccination. If you wish to be tested weekly at your school, please fill out the [Testing Consent Form](#) and select the school where you will be serving. You will be added to the testing pool for that site.

When you arrive for testing, sign the testing log-in sheet, and note 'Volunteer' next to your name. To check weekly testing times for your school visit: <https://somerville.k12.ma.us/district-departments/nursing-schools/covid-testing>.

Wellness Checks

Volunteers are asked to continue to conduct a [wellness check](#) prior to each session. Please stay home if you experience any symptoms of COVID-19 or if someone in your household or with whom you've had close contact has COVID-19, or is experiencing symptoms.

For more information about volunteer requirements visit www.somerville.k12.ma.us/volunteers or contact SPS Volunteer Coordinator Jen Capuano: JCapuano@k12.somerville.ma.us.