


# MEMORANDUM

TO: Superintendents and Heads of Independent Schools   
FROM: Daniel M. French, Ed.D., Secretary of Education  
SUBJECT: Updated COVID-19 Recommendations and Considerations  
DATE: March 3, 2022

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## Background

The State of Vermont is updating its COVID-19 recommendations for prevention and mitigation for Vermont schools. This update will be a transition from school-specific recommendations to general health guidance for all Vermonters.

## Recommendations Rescinded

The State of Vermont's current recommendations for COVID-19 prevention and mitigation in schools are contained in several [Advisory Memoranda](#) jointly issued by the Agency of Education and the Vermont Department of Health. The recommendations in these memoranda will be replaced by general recommendations issued by the Health Department.

To allow for an implementation period, these recommendations will take effect Monday, March 14, 2022.

Effective on that date, there will be no school-specific COVID-19 prevention and mitigation recommendations issued by the State of Vermont. Also effective March 14, Advisory Memos, recommendations and other communications are rescinded and superseded by the following general guidance.

## General Guidance Effective March 14, 2022

Schools should encourage their students, staff and families to follow the Vermont Department of Health's [recommendations for all Vermonters](#). The Health Department will update these recommendations as public health circumstances warrant.

## COVID-19 Testing Programs

School COVID-19 testing programs (response testing and staff assurance testing) will be phased out at some point in favor of students and staff accessing the same testing programs provided to all Vermonters.