

We want to provide the best customer service to our community, and your voices are important. Thank you for your questions and concerns. We will endeavor to answer questions as much as possible.

1. Does Dr. Tracey live in New Haven? Yes. It is required by the city charter for heads of departments to reside in the city. She has done so since becoming an interim superintendent.
2. Will we run after school programs? Yes, as soon as they get staffing, each school will operate afterschool programs. Inter-district schools where existing programs were discontinued will start back up as soon as staff is found. We have collaborated with the health department to have a safety protocol in place to guide all of these programs. Providers must be trained in safety protocols prior to operating. Please reach out to your schools to learn the status of programs and start dates. Also, for any other information regarding these programs, reach out to Dr. Paul Whyte at Paul.Whyte@new-haven.k12.ct.us.
3. A vaccine mandate and testing: All staff in New Haven Public Schools are required to be vaccinated unless they can demonstrate a religious or medical exemption. In the case of an exemption or a refusal to be vaccinated, staff will be required to provide proof of weekly Covid testing to be able to enter into any public school's property, per the governor's orders. There is no mandate for student vaccination based on the order, but parents are encouraged to sign a release for their students to be tested. NHPS will have testing sites for students.
4. Nurses in schools: While there is still a nursing shortage, the Health Department has worked extremely hard to ensure there are nurses in schools. When the superintendent, in a webinar, said it was a courtesy to have nurses, what was meant is that New Haven school district is not responsible for nurses; they are supplied to us by the City of New Haven.