

## Ember Charter School New York State Department of Health Reopening Plan Overview

Domain	NYS DOH Reference	Response
Capacity	Availability of Safe Transportation (p. 3)	Ember will rely on NYCDOE Pupil Transportation to ensure that school bus companies and personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for safety. Those families relying on NYC public transportation will be provided with full information and guidance for using public buses, subways, and taxis according to NYCDOH rules.
Operational Activity	Policies regarding shared spaces (p. 4)	Ember will collaborate with co-located schools, whether charter or district, through their building councils and shared space committees to follow all health and safety protocols as prescribed by the NYCDOE and NYCDOH while maximizing these spaces for instructional purposes.
Restart Operations	Plans to safely reopen facilities, including cleaning and disinfection and restarts building ventilation, water systems, etc. (p.4)	Ember will rely on NYCDOE custodial engineers and follow directions from NYC Division of School Facilities (DSF) to ensure the safe restart of building systems as well as cleaning and disinfection of the facility. For school-day operations, Ember will train and require all students and staff to follow all guidelines for exposure prevention - masks, social distancing, limited cohorts of students - to the extent possible as recommended by the NYCDOH.
Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfection	Protocols and procedures for school bus cleanings (p.4)	Ember will rely on NYCDOE Pupil Transportation to ensure that school bus companies and personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for cleanliness and disinfection. Any school buses contracted directly by Ember will meet the same guidelines as provided by NYCDOH.

Hygiene, Cleaning, and Disinfection	Protocols and procedures for school-wide cleaning, classrooms, restrooms, cafeterias, libraries, playgrounds, etc. (p. 4)	Ember will rely on NYCDOE custodial engineers and follow directions from NYC Division of School Facilities (DSF) to ensure that ongoing cleaning and disinfection of all classrooms, shared spaces, and outdoor facilities meets standards as prescribed by the NYCDOH and CDC.
Extracurriculars	Will schools be able to be in building with students for extracurriculars? (p.4)	Ember will follow the same guidelines for exposure prevention - masks, social distancing, limited cohorts of students - as followed during the school day to the extent possible as recommended by the NYCDOH.
Before and Aftercare	Will schools be able to use buildings for before and aftercare? (p.4)	Ember will follow the same guidelines for exposure prevention - masks, social distancing, limited cohorts of students - as followed during the school day to the extent possible as recommended by the NYCDOH.
Transportation	Protocols and procedures for how school buses will be adapted to keep students and staff safe (p.5)	Ember will rely on NYCDOE Pupil Transportation to ensure that school bus companies and personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for safety as recommended by the NYCDOH.
Food Services	Protocols and Procedures for onsite and remote food services for students (p.5)	Ember will work with our School Food vendor to ensure that service personnel follow all appropriate guidelines for safety as recommended by the NYCDOH. Ember will train school staff as needed to reinforce the protocols adopted by food service and custodial personnel to ensure healthy, safe meals and the least disruption to the instructional day.
Testing Protocols	Process for the provision or referral of diagnostic testing for students, faculty and staff for COVID-10, in consultation with local health department officials (p.5)	Ember will consult with their assigned NYCDOH nurse to determine which staff and students presenting symptoms should be referred for COVID-19 tests. COVID-19 testing is available across New York City and unless determined otherwise by NYCDOH, students and staff will continue to use their own doctors or clinics/hospitals of their choice.

Testing Protocols	What screening protocols will be in place for students/staff to attend school (p.5)	Ember will require all staff to test either negative for Covid-19 or positive for Covid-19 antibodies before returning to work. For students, Ember will follow NYCDOH requirements with respect to testing.
Testing Responsibility	Identification of who in the community is responsible for referring, sourcing and administering testing? (p.5)	Ember will consult with their assigned NYCDOH nurse to determine which staff and students should be referred for COVID-19 tests. COVID-19 testing is available across New York City and unless determined otherwise by NYCDOH, students and staff will continue to use their own doctors or clinics/hospitals of their choice.
Testing Responsibility	In event of large-scale testing is needed what will happen? (p.5)	If Ember students and staff need access to large-scale testing, the school will follow directions from NYCDOH regarding where testing should happen and communication to the school community.
Early Warning Signs	Defined metrics as what will serve as early warning signs that Positive COVID-19 cases may be increasing beyond an acceptable level, as established by state and local health departments (p.5)	Ember will follow all metrics as set by NYCDOH if cases in NYC are increasing beyond an appropriate level and modify in-person instruction as necessary.
Infected Individuals	Requirements that persons who have tested positive complete isolation (conducted in coordination with local health department) (p. 6)	Students or staff that test positive for COVID-19 will be required to stay out of school for 10 days or until symptoms end per the guidance of the NYCDOH.

Exposed Individuals	Requirements that persons who have been exposed complete isolation (conducted in coordination with local health department) (p. 6)	Students or staff that have been exposed to COVID-19 will be required to stay out of school for 14 days. Ember will consult with NYCDOH or NYC Trace to determine who is an "exposed" individual and must stay out of school.
Contract Tracing	Plans to support local health departments in contract tracing efforts (p.6)	Ember will cooperate with the NYC's Test and Trace Corp. program and any other mandates required by the NYCDOH
Closure Triggers	Identification of the conditions that may warrant reducing in-person education or closing the school (p.6)	Ember will follow NYCDOH guidelines to determine what conditions (i.e. number of positive COVID-19 cases in the building) would trigger a pod, section, or full school closure and the amount of time of the closure.
School Health Offices	PPE for school health office staff (p. 20)	DOH will provide all the PPE and supplies necessary for outfitting the school health office, including but not limited to eye protection, gloves, gown, and masks.