

# Suffolk Region Education Report: September 2022

School started for many districts this year before the traditional Labor Day and they are reporting successful openings that are beginning to feel “back to normal”. In mid August, NYS DOH and NYS SED released guidance on COVID for the 2022-2023 school year. The website that has all the information is: <https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/schools-youth>

Some highlights that NYS PTA sent out in an email are linked below:

- Here is a FAQ document for review - [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-23-school-year-covid-19-faqs-for-schools\\_8-22-22.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-23-school-year-covid-19-faqs-for-schools_8-22-22.pdf)
- Here is a letter to parents and caregivers - [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-23-school-year-covid-19-school-faqs-for-parents-caregivers\\_8-22-22.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-23-school-year-covid-19-school-faqs-for-parents-caregivers_8-22-22.pdf)
- Here is a letter to school leaders - [https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-2023-school-year-covid-joint-doh-sed-letter-to-schools\\_8-22-22.pdf](https://coronavirus.health.ny.gov/system/files/documents/2022/08/2022-2023-school-year-covid-joint-doh-sed-letter-to-schools_8-22-22.pdf)

**September 8, 2022: Governor Hochul signs a law that will limit class sizes in NYC Public school.** The Mayor was opposed to the law because of the cost to the city but the teachers’ union considers this a win for the students. The bill caps kindergarten through third grade classes at 20 students; fourth through eighth grade at 23 students; and high school at 25 students. The limits will take effect by 2028 and it will be interesting to see how this impacts some of the school districts throughout the state that still struggle with larger class sizes.

<https://ny.chalkbeat.org/2022/9/8/23343774/nyc-class-size-bill-hochul-adams-budget-union>

I encourage everyone to follow the New York State Department of Education page on Facebook. They have lots of good info and articles.

