

Foundations Upper Valley

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Foundations Upper Valley (FUV) and Southern Vermont Return to Normal (Pre-Pandemic) Operations Plan

The governor's emergency order regarding the COVID-19 pandemic has been lifted as of midnight June 15, 2021. This means that all restrictions and procedures that were in place during the emergency order are no longer in effect. *As of midnight on June 15, 2021, the Vermont's state of emergency related to COVID-19 has ended. All Agency of Education Guidance issued under the authority of the Governor's emergency order has been rescinded as of the same date.* (<https://education.vermont.gov/news/covid-19-guidance-vermont-schools>) This includes restrictions placed on public and private schools, **with the exception of contact tracing.** (https://education.vermont.gov/sites/aoe/files/documents/2021_05_28_edu-vdh-memo-french-levine-school-health-and-safety-recommendations-school-year-end-2021%2020210526.pdf).

Following are the procedures which we will adhere to in the SVT/FUV programs for the foreseeable future, and going into effect Monday, June 21.

1. Staff who are working in public schools will follow the requirements / protocols / procedures of the schools / settings in which they are working, when working in those locations. (*See below*)
2. In-house (FUV) staff and visitors (including parents, related services providers and other visitors) who are entering Windsor Fire House (WFH) will adhere to the following protocols / procedures:
 - a. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and VT Department of Health (DOH) continue to **recommend** that unvaccinated people (including children between the ages of 3 and 12) wear a mask while indoors.
 - b. We are no longer **requiring** facial coverings of any kind for staff, students or visitors, but encourage unvaccinated people and people who feel they may have any risk factors at all, to wear a facial covering of their choice.
 - c. Examples of times when students/staff/visitors may **elect** to wear a mask:
 - Following attendance at a large gathering
 - When feeling a little under the weather
 - When someone at home is ill
 - When working with a student who seems a little under the weather
 - When working with students under the age of 12FUV will continue to provide surgical masks for staff, students or visitors who wish to use one.
3. As per AOE/VT executive guidance, all other COVID-19 guidance (ACCD/DOH/AOE/CDC) is hereby suspended, including rules regarding social distancing, thrice daily washing of surfaces, limitations on group sizes, etc., except as mandated by such agencies going forward

4. Building use and capacity limits are returned to pre-pandemic rules and customs
5. FUV's normal health policy goes back into effect without exception
6. All screening procedures for staff and students will end
7. Meetings may take place on site / in person
8. Visitors are welcomed back into our building
9. We will continue to report all cases of COVID-19 to the VT DOH
10. For now, student pick up and drop off from the building will remain the same in terms of assigned entrance/exits
11. With regard to **home and community-based services**: SVT programs will continue to follow all CDC guidelines, DOH guidance, and rules and regulations issued by all regulatory bodies as they pertain to **licensed health care providers**, as they evolve.

This procedure will be posted on the COVID-19 section of our website: www.sdplus.org