

# Rochdale Early Advantage Charter School (REACS)

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## Facilities

Promote social distancing while maintaining existing safety requirements that protect students from fire or other hazards:

### Physical Footprint / Utilization of Space

- Districts may expand their physical footprint or change the way they utilize spaces.

### Planning

- Many potential changes require that plans be submitted to NYSED's Office of Facilities Planning for fire/building code review. This includes leased space or temporary classroom units.

### Fire and lockdown drills

- Must still be conducted – districts must plan to ensure that social distancing measures are considered.

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### Ventilation

- Schools should continue to meet or exceed minimum ventilation requirements and may wish to consult with design professionals to increase ventilation and filtration.

### Plumbing Facilities

- Maintain minimum fixture quantities, access to drinking water.

### Operations & Procedures

- SED will expedite review of COVID-19 Projects.

## **REACS Facilities**

School districts will follow health guidance related to social distancing and other safety measures that must be put in place to slow the spread of COVID-19. To meet the requirements of that guidance, school districts or other applicable schools may need to rearrange or re-purpose physical space within their buildings, expand buildings' or districts' footprints or alter existing spaces through construction or changes in programming or operation. Several of these alternatives have implications for fire code compliance and may require code review by the New York State Education Department's (NYSED's) Office of Facilities Planning.

- REACS classrooms, offices, and other spaces will be used using the social distancing guidelines to protect the safety of all scholars and staff.
- REACS will continue to fully utilize its facilities to ensure that scholars are educated within appropriate space. Ventilation and plumbing systems are maintained regularly.
- Safety protocols for social distancing during entry, throughout the school day, during evacuation and lockdown drills.
- Details regarding additional social distancing and safety measures regarding our facilities are referenced in the preceding Health and Safety section.