

Connecticut Education Association
Members Online Survey

August 20-25, 2021
 955 members

Q.2 Are you currently employed by a public school or school district in Connecticut?

	Total
Yes	100
No	-
Retired educator	-
Student studying education	-

Q.3 Which of the following best describes your job?

	Total
Classroom teacher	57
Special education teacher	13
Special area teacher such as art, music, physical education, librarian, career technical education, computer, technology education.....	13
School counselor, school psychologist, nurse, substance abuse coordinator, social worker, speech-language pathologist, learning consultant, child study team	13
ELL teacher.....	1
Teacher on special assignment.....	1
Other.....	1

Q.4 How would you describe the school district that you work in?

	Total
Urban	23
Suburban	62
Rural	13
Not sure	2



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Q.5 Have you been vaccinated for COVID-19?

	Total
Yes	89
No	11

Q.6 (IF VACCINATED)¹ Which of the following best describes the status of your COVID-19 vaccination?

	Total
I received both doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine	87
I received the one-dose Johnson & Johnson vaccine.....	12
I received the first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine and have scheduled my second dose	1
I received the first dose of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine, but have not yet scheduled my second dose.....	0

Q.7 Have you scheduled your COVID-19 vaccination?

	All Resp	Not Vax²
Yes, and I have received one of the two required doses of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccine	0	2
Yes, but I have not yet received a dose.....	-	-
Not yet, but I intend to schedule my vaccination.....	1	6
I do not plan to get vaccinated.....	9	84
Already vaccinated.....	89	-
Not sure	1	9

Q.5-7 Combined vaccination status

	Total
Fully vaccinated	88
Partially vaccinated	1
Not vaccinated yet.....	1
Do not plan to get vaccinated	9
Not sure	1

¹ 850 members

² 105 members

Q.8 (IF VACCINATED WITH PFIZER OR MODERNA OR PLAN TO GET VACCINATED)³ As you may have heard, the CDC is now expected to offer a third dose of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccine. They are expecting to offer these booster shots for all Americans beginning the week of September 20 and starting 8 months after an individual's second dose. Do you plan to get a booster shot when they are made available?

	Total
Yes	77
No	6
Not sure	16

Q.9 How safe do you feel returning to in-person school this year?

	Total
Very safe.....	29
Somewhat safe	50
Somewhat unsafe	16
Very unsafe.....	5
Total Safe.....	79
Total Unsafe	21
Safe - Unsafe	59

Q.10 Have your school district or school leaders communicated with you about their safety plans for reopening?

	Total
Yes	70
No	26
Not sure	4

³ 756 members

Q.11 As you may know, Governor Ned Lamont's executive order mandates that staff and students wear masks in schools through September 30th. Do you agree or disagree with this mandate to wear masks when schools open?

	Total
Agree	79
Disagree	16
Not sure	5
Agree - Disagree.....	63

Q.12 Do you think enforcing the mask requirement at your school will be...?

	Total
Very easy	22
Somewhat easy	38
Somewhat difficult	28
Very difficult	8
Not sure	4
Total Easy	60
Total Difficult	36
Easy - Difficult	24

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Below are some protocols schools may consider implementing to keep students and staff safe. For each one, please indicate how important you think it is to institute these measures in your school.

	Very Impt	Smwt Impt	Not That Impt	Not At all Impt	Total Impt	Total Not Impt
13 Hand sanitizer available throughout the school	71	21	6	2	92	8
14 PPE (personal protective equipment), like masks and gloves, available to employees and students	69	22	6	2	92	8
15 PPE (personal protective equipment), like masks and gloves, provided and required for employees and students	64	23	7	6	87	13
16 Enforcement of physical distancing measures (e.g., six feet distancing in classrooms, cafeterias, school buses)	44	36	15	5	80	20
17 Cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces like doorknobs and high-risk areas like bathrooms at least once a day	67	24	7	2	91	9
18 Improved ventilation systems in schools	85	12	3	1	97	3
19 Requiring unvaccinated students be regularly tested for COVID-19	52	24	13	10	76	24
20 Requiring unvaccinated staff be regularly tested for COVID-19	66	16	9	9	82	18
21 Requiring students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate according to federal health guidelines	86	11	2	1	97	3
22 Requiring students and staff who are close contacts of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to quarantine and/or be tested before returning to school	69	22	8	2	90	10

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Below are those same safety protocols. This time, please indicate which of the protocols you believe will be in place at your school this coming year.

	Yes	No	N/S	N/A
23 Hand sanitizer available throughout the school	91	3	6	-
24 PPE (personal protective equipment), like masks and gloves, available to employees and students	76	8	16	0
25 Enforcement of physical distancing measures (e.g., six feet distancing in classrooms, cafeterias, school buses).....	36	45	19	1
26 Cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces like doorknobs and high-risk areas like bathrooms at least once a day.....	65	13	22	-
27 Improved ventilation systems in schools	27	41	32	1
28 Requiring unvaccinated students be regularly tested for COVID-19	7	51	40	2
29 Requiring unvaccinated staff be regularly tested for COVID-19	35	22	42	0
30 Requiring students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate according to federal health guidelines.....	73	7	20	0
31 Requiring students and staff who are close contacts of someone who tested positive for COVID-19 to quarantine and/or be tested before returning to school.....	51	18	31	0

Q.32 How often do you think your school should require unvaccinated students be tested for COVID-19?

	Total
More often than weekly	11
Weekly	45
Every other week	9
Less often than every other week.....	2
Never	16
Not sure	16

Q.33 How often do you think your school should require unvaccinated staff be tested for COVID-19?

	Total
More often than weekly	15
Weekly	54
Every other week	8
Less often than every other week.....	3
Never	14
Not sure	7

Q.34 In your opinion, is your school's ventilation system providing you enough protection from COVID-19 for you to feel safe working in-person?

	Total
Yes	27
No	47
Not sure	25

Q.35 Did you work at summer school this year?

	Total
Yes	17
No	83

Q.36 (IF WORKED AT SUMMER SCHOOL)⁴ Was this your first time working at summer school?

	Total
Yes	23
No	77

⁴ 166 members answered Q.36 and Q.37

Q.39 Has the COVID-19 pandemic made you more likely to retire or leave education earlier than you'd planned, more likely to work longer than you'd planned, or made no difference in your plans?

	Total
More likely to retire or leave education earlier than planned	38
More likely to work in education longer than planned	1
No effect on my plans	62

Q.40 Since the pandemic started, do you think you have seen...?

	Total
More educators retiring or leaving education than before the pandemic	79
Fewer educators retiring or leaving education than before the pandemic	1
No noticeable change in the number of educators retiring or leaving education	20

Q.41 On a scale of 0 to 10, how stressful did you find work before the COVID-19 pandemic?

	Total
10.....	8
9.....	6
8.....	9
7.....	19
6.....	18
5.....	14
4.....	7
3.....	10
2.....	5
1.....	1
0.....	0
Don't know/not applicable	1
Mean.....	6.0

Q.42 On a scale of 0 to 10, how stressful did you find work last year?

	Total
10.....	42
9.....	26
8.....	15
7.....	7
6.....	3
5.....	3
4.....	2
3.....	1
2.....	1
1.....	0
0.....	0
Don't know/not applicable	1
Mean.....	8.7

Q.43 On a scale of 0 to 10, how stressful do you think work will be in the upcoming school year?

	Total
10.....	27
9.....	19
8.....	23
7.....	15
6.....	7
5.....	4
4.....	1
3.....	1
2.....	0
1.....	0
0.....	0
Don't know/not applicable	2
Mean.....	8.1

Q.44 Are you or is a member of your household at increased risk of serious illness from COVID-19?

	Total
Yes, I am at increased risk.....	17
Yes, a member of my household is at increased risk.....	17
No	59
Prefer not to say.....	7

Finally, a few questions for statistical purposes.

Q.45 Which of the following grade levels do you work with the most?

	Total
Elementary school.....	39
Middle school or Junior high school	25
High school	32
Across an entire school district or multiple districts.....	2
Other.....	2

Q.46 In your entire career, for how many years, including this one, have you been an employee in a school or school system?

	Total
5 years or less.....	9
6 to 10 years	18
11 to 15 years	20
16 to 20 years	22
21 to 30 years	24
More than 30 years	6
Refused	0

Q.47 Do you describe yourself as a man, a woman, or in some other way?

	Total
Woman	78
Man.....	22
In some other way.....	0

Q.48 In what year were you born?

	Total
18 to 24.....	0
25 to 29.....	8
30 to 34.....	12
35 to 39.....	16
40 to 44.....	14
45 to 49.....	16
50 to 54.....	14
55 to 59.....	10
60 to 64.....	7
Over 64.....	3