

**The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to pose significant challenges for state agencies, districts, and schools, while also affecting us all personally. NAEP representatives' top priority is to protect the health and safety of students and school staff.**

Our COVID-19 mitigation protocol has been developed using CDC guidelines with the input of health professionals. These protocols are intended to be flexible to adapt to the changing landscape presented by COVID-19. NAEP representatives will work with districts and schools to ensure that their COVID-19 protocols are also followed.



## Provided Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**NAEP will provide field staff with PPE:**



**Disposable  
Masks**



**Face  
Shields**



**Disposable  
Gloves**



**Hand  
Sanitizer**



**Sanitizing Wipes  
& Spray**

To the extent federal, state, or local agencies recommend the use of additional PPE, NAEP will ensure that field staff are provided with the same.



## Sanitizing and PPE Protocols

**Multiple times during the assessment day, field staff will follow protocols to:**



**sanitize testing  
equipment and  
equipment cases**



**replace gloves and  
masks between  
assessment sessions**

All used PPE will be discarded in NAEP-supplied trash bags and removed from the school by field staff.



## Field Staff COVID-19 Protocol Training

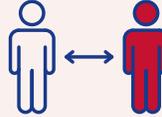
All field staff will be trained on COVID-19 protocols, including the following:



Donning and removal of PPE



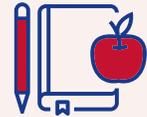
Proper disposal of used PPE



Social distancing requirements



Sanitizing equipment and equipment cases



Other school protocols



## Health Monitoring and Testing Protocols

Health monitoring and testing protocols will include the following:

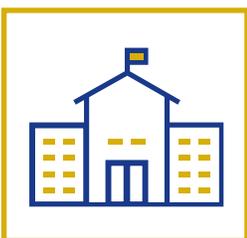


Field staff will be tested for COVID-19 before assessments begin on **January 25, 2021** and regularly throughout the field period assuming commercial availability nationwide.

Field staff will be expected to perform a COVID-19 Daily Checklist of their health and symptoms before reporting for work at a school. Any field staff who do not successfully pass the daily health assessment will not report to school that day, and will be required to either:

- 1** Test negative for COVID-19 in accordance with CDC guidelines.
- 2** Be free of COVID-19 symptoms for a 14-day period before conducting any assessments in school.
- 3** Provide written documentation from their healthcare provider releasing their return to work.

Before entering school buildings, field staff will take their temperature using a non-contact thermometer, and acknowledge that they are symptom-free.



## School Protocols

Field staff will follow any and all school-specific required COVID-19 protocols, which may include but not limited to the following:

- 1** Temperature checks and other symptom assessments by the school upon arrival at the school
- 2** Additional school-required PPE
- 3** Social distancing guidelines of staff and students
- 4** Additional sanitizing requirements