



## Keeping our community safe

Your safety is our highest priority. The ESU is taking all possible steps to keep students, volunteers and teachers safe when they visit our building. We are following all guidelines set forth by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the New York State Department of Health for in-person activities.

You can read more about the steps we are taking below.

### Vaccination

All visitors to the ESU building are required to show proof of full vaccination. This includes staff, teachers, students, volunteers and third-party vendors. Students can show proof of vaccination online. There is a daily sign-in procedure at the front desk to ensure that only fully vaccinated visitors can enter the building.

### Masks

All visitors to the building are required to wear masks. The NY State Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention strongly recommend face coverings/masks for public indoor spaces.

### Hand washing

Hand sanitizer will be available at several locations throughout the building. There will also be antibacterial soap available in the ESU bathrooms.

### Social distancing

Visitors will be required to maintain 3-foot social distancing at all times. In-person classes will be capped at a maximum of 18 students. Desks will be spaced at a distance of 3-feet throughout the classroom.

### Air filtration

All common areas, including the classroom and student lounge, are equipped with powerful and portable air purifiers. Each purifier has an H13 HEPA filter that removes virus carriers, dust, smoke, mold, bacteria, and other airborne particulates. Windows and doors can be opened to increase airflow.

### Thermometers

Thermometers are available at reception. Visitors can use these to check body temperature if they start feeling ill.

### Building renovations and cleaning

Over the past year, the ESU building has undergone extensive renovations. This includes new furniture, fresh paint and renovated bathrooms. A professional cleaning service performs a deep clean of the building twice a week.



## **Future developments**

We recognize that the pandemic continues to evolve. We are closely monitoring the situation and are prepared to move in-person activities online if the situation worsens. Students can contact Karl ([khart@esuus.org](mailto:khart@esuus.org)) if they have concerns or questions at any time.

## **NY Hero Act**

The ESU has developed an Airborne Infectious Disease Exposure Prevention Plan to comply with the NY Hero Act. This plan conforms to NY State Department of Health standards for preventing the spread of airborne infectious diseases in the workplace. This plan is available upon request.