

2021/22 Emergency Drills

Fire #1 - September 15 @ 8:10am

Lockdown #1 – September 22 @ 11:50am

Fire #2 – October 6 @ 8:10am

Shelter in Place – October 13 @ 11:50am

Hold and Secure – October 20 @ 11:50am

Fire #3 – November 17 @ 8:10am

Lockdown #2 – February 16 @ 11:50am

Bomb Threat – March 2 @ 8:10am

Fire #4 – April 6 @ 11:50am

Fire #5 – May 11 @ 8:10am

Fire #6 – June 1 @ 11:50am

On September 4, 2020, the Office of the Fire Marshal issued Fire Marshal Directive 2020-2021, “Total evacuation fire drills in schools during COVID-19 pandemic” that provided flexibility for the 2020-21 school year. For the 2021-2022 school year, it is essential to plan for procedures to conduct fire drills aligned with public health advice. We emphasize a continued flexible and balanced approach when conducting fire drills in schools.

Key messages re: Conducting Emergency and Crisis Response Drills:

- Drills are conducted while maintaining physical distancing and wearing a face mask (as required).
- In the case of lockdown drills, staff/teachers are to describe where students would go in the case of a real lockdown, but for the purpose of COVID-19 Public Health guidelines we will remain in our assigned seats/spaces.
- A discussion, visual demonstration or combination of both could be used to provide an overview of the Emergency and Crisis Response Plans
- While a response to bomb threats may have historically been practiced through evacuation of the school, the requirement to ensure that boards’ staff, students, and other stakeholders are aware of their responsibilities within individual school plans, can be accomplished through discussion and/or visual demonstrations
- Teachers are encouraged to do drills within classroom cohorts