

**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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	100
No .....	-
Retired educator .....	-
Student studying education .....	-

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Urban .....	23
Suburban .....	62
Rural .....	13
Not sure .....	2



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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	89
No .....	11

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>All Resp</b>	<b>Not Vax<sup>2</sup></b>
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

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

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<sup>1</sup> 850 members

<sup>2</sup> 105 members

Q.8 (IF VACCINATED WITH PFIZER OR MODERNA OR PLAN TO GET VACCINATED)<sup>3</sup> 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	77
No .....	6
Not sure .....	16

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

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

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	70
No .....	26
Not sure .....	4

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<sup>3</sup> 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?

	<b>Total</b>
Agree .....	79
Disagree .....	16
Not sure .....	5
<b>Agree - Disagree.....</b>	<b>63</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
Very easy .....	22
Somewhat easy .....	38
Somewhat difficult .....	28
Very difficult .....	8
Not sure .....	4
<b>Total Easy .....</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>Total Difficult .....</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>Easy - Difficult .....</b>	<b>24</b>

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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.

	<b>Very Impt</b>	<b>Smwt Impt</b>	<b>Not That Impt</b>	<b>Not At all Impt</b>	<b>Total Impt</b>	<b>Total Not Impt</b>
13 Hand sanitizer available throughout the school .....	71	21	6	2	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>
14 PPE (personal protective equipment), like masks and gloves, available to employees and students .....	69	22	6	2	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>
15 PPE (personal protective equipment), like masks and gloves, provided and required for employees and students .....	64	23	7	6	<b>87</b>	<b>13</b>
16 Enforcement of physical distancing measures (e.g., six feet distancing in classrooms, cafeterias, school buses) .....	44	36	15	5	<b>80</b>	<b>20</b>
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	<b>91</b>	<b>9</b>
18 Improved ventilation systems in schools .....	85	12	3	1	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>
19 Requiring unvaccinated students be regularly tested for COVID-19 .....	52	24	13	10	<b>76</b>	<b>24</b>
20 Requiring unvaccinated staff be regularly tested for COVID-19 .....	66	16	9	9	<b>82</b>	<b>18</b>
21 Requiring students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 to isolate according to federal health guidelines .....	86	11	2	1	<b>97</b>	<b>3</b>
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	<b>90</b>	<b>10</b>

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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.

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>N/S</b>	<b>N/A</b>
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

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	27
No .....	47
Not sure .....	25

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	17
No .....	83

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

	<b>Total</b>
Yes .....	23
No .....	77

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<sup>4</sup> 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?

	<b>Total</b>
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...?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>6.0</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.7</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
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
<b>Mean.....</b>	<b>8.1</b>

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

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
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?

	<b>Total</b>
Woman .....	78
Man.....	22
In some other way.....	0

Q.48 In what year were you born?

	<b>Total</b>
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