The coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic continues to pose challenges for state agencies, districts, and schools, while also affecting us all personally. HS&B:22 representatives’ top priority is to protect the health and safety of students and staff.

Our COVID-19 mitigation protocols were developed using CDC guidelines with the input of doctors, public health experts, industrial hygienists, and other subject matter experts on RTI’s Infectious Disease Response Team. These protocols are intended to be flexible to adapt to the changing landscape presented by COVID-19.

HS&B:22 project staff will follow the CDC "COVID-19 by County" data weekly to determine the level of PPE necessary to ensure the safety of field staff. Field Staff will follow all school-specific required protocols, such as additional PPE.

### Provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

**HS&B:22** will provide field staff with the following PPE:

- **Masks** (Fit N95, cloth, and disposable)
- **Disposable gloves**
- **Hand sanitizer**
- **Sanitizing wipes and sprays for equipment and surfaces**

### Sanitizing and PPE Protocols

**Between sessions at schools**, field staff will follow protocols to:

- **Sanitize testing equipment and equipment cases**
- **Discard used disposable PPE in supplied trash bags and remove them from the school**

### Health Monitoring

Before in-person work, all RTI staff must sign a Workplace Health Pledge, which states that employees will not conduct in-person data collection if they have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past 10 days, if they have shown a combination of at least two COVID-19 symptoms within the past 48 hours, or if they have had a fever in the last 24 hours.