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 representatives with PPE:

- Disposable Masks
- Face Shields
- Disposable Gloves
- Hand Sanitizer
- Sanitizing Spray & Disposable Towels

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

**Sanitizing and PPE Protocols**

During the assessment day, NAEP representatives will:

- Sanitize testing equipment
- Don and remove PPE according to CDC guidelines

All used sanitizing towels and PPE will be discarded in NAEP-supplied trash bags and removed from the school by NAEP representatives.
NAEP representatives will follow any and all school-specific required COVID-19 protocols, which may include but are not limited to the following:

**Health Protocols for NAEP Representatives**

1. NAEP representatives will be required to perform a COVID-19 Daily Checklist of their health and symptoms before reporting for work at a school.

2. Before entering school buildings, NAEP representatives will have their temperature taken using a noncontact thermometer and acknowledge that they are symptom-free.

3. NAEP field representatives are required to be fully vaccinated (subject to state and federal laws and regulations) and will provide proof of vaccination upon request, when entering schools.

4. Field representatives will be tested weekly using an at-home COVID-19 PCR testing protocol. NAEP will monitor compliance and results. Field representatives testing positive will self-isolate until cleared to return to work.

**School Protocols**

NAEP representatives will follow any and all school-specific required COVID-19 protocols, which may include but are 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