

On July of 2021, the CDC updated its Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. The top takeaways were:

- Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
- Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
- CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools.

1. Transportation

- Buses will be disinfected and cleaned after each school day.
- Each student will have an assigned seat.
- Face coverings will be encouraged while on the bus.
- Distancing will be in place when entering & exiting the bus.

2. The School Environment

- Staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to wear face coverings while indoors.
- Social Distancing will be encouraged and practiced when/where feasible.
- We will promote frequent hand washing. (20 seconds minimum with soap & water).
- Classrooms and/or offices will be cleaned/disinfected throughout the day.
- Lunch protocols for ELE, MS & HS will include practical distancing and sanitation practices.
- We will establish the most reasonable distancing protocols for classrooms. (Desk or table configuration & assigned seating).
- Classroom cleaning and sanitation protocols will be practiced. Students will clean their learning space before exiting class (age appropriate). Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the building and students will be encouraged bring their own for use outside the classroom.
- Hallways will have a directions sign to direct traffic in the safest manner possible. (Plexiglass shields have been placed in all the offices and lunchroom serving area).
- The health station will be stocked with required items. (At least 2 digital thermometers, gowns, masks, gloves, etc.)

3. Learning & Technology Plans

- Blended learning where (daily, weekly, monthly) students are accessing/submitted an online assignment.
- LMS: Office 365. Digital platforms: Class Dojo, iStation, Mystery Science.
- Students (K-12) will have assigned laptop to use throughout the school day.
- Mobile Device checkout form to be signed by student and parent for any device going home. \$50 tech deposit required (refundable if returned and with no damage).
- Identify more students in need of increased support & intervention. (SpEd & LEP)
- Milepost – Intervention plans, instructional plans, student data.

4. Contact Tracing/Screening/Quarantining Protocols

- Students should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness, and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- The district has the ability of conducting rapid testing for the Covid virus. The district will allow free testing for students who may have had a close contact. (parent permission).
- Parents/guardians will be notified of known exposure to Covid-19.
- Students that have tested positive for the Covid virus will be sent home 10 days to isolate.
- Students who are presumed positive (displaying symptoms), will be asked to isolate OR display a negative PCR result.
- Students who have been exposed to a known contact WILL NOT be asked to isolate if they are displaying NO symptoms, AND have a negative rapid test. Declining the rapid test, would be asked to isolate at home for 10 days. (Other factors to consider include a face covering or vaccination status).
- Students that exhibit two or more Covid symptoms will be sent home to isolate unless they can display a negative rapid test result, negative PCR test, or have a doctor's note.
- Other illnesses will be conducted on a case-by-case basis.
- Vaccinations will occur during fall registration and throughout the year.

The protocols listed above are minimum procedures that the district will adopt for our 2021-2022 back-to-school plan. **Our goal is not to be restrictive but to keep all children and adults safe and to keep our school open.** All stakeholders in the district must do their part in helping us achieve this goal and we welcome input through our monthly board meetings and parent surveys. We will review our plan every 6 months.

This plan will be available via our district website. Should you have logistical questions or concerns about the back-to-school plan we encourage you to speak to administration. Contact building administration at 208.829.5333, or 208.829.5353. Thank you.