

On July 11th of 2022, the CDC updated its Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools. The top takeaways were:

- Schools and early care and education (ECE) programs are an important part of the infrastructure of communities as they provide safe, supportive learning environments for students and children and enable parents and caregivers to be at work.
- Staying up to date with current COVID-19 vaccinations is the leading public health strategy to prevent severe disease.
- At a high Covid-19 Community Level, CDC recommends universal indoor masking in schools for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors.

1. Transportation

- Buses will be disinfected and cleaned after each school day.

2. The School Environment

- Masks will be available to staff and students upon request.
- 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. Hand sanitizers will be available throughout the building and students will be encouraged to bring their own for use outside the classroom.
- 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-8 will have assigned devices to use throughout the school day. Proper cleaning/disinfecting of all devices will be promoted.
- 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.
- Use of Milepost to create intervention/instructional plans and track 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 who have tested positive for the Covid virus will be sent home for 5 days to isolate.

- Other illnesses will be addressed on a case-by-case basis.
- Vaccinations will occur throughout the year.

The protocols listed above are minimum procedures that the district will adopt for our 2022-2023 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.