

USD 336 COVID-19 Mask and Close Contact Guidelines

STAGE 2: Test to Stay and Learn Opportunity

	PreK - 12 Grade
Masks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional (Unless identified as a <u>Close Contact</u>)
Close Contact	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Less than 6 feet in a low risk environment for 10 consecutive minutes when masks are not worn by both contacts. Less than 6 feet in a high risk environment for 10 consecutive minutes. Mask use during high risk activities does not apply.
COVID - Positive Case	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10 days at home from onset of symptoms. Can return on day 11 if fever free for 72 hours. If asymptomatic, 10 days at home from the day of a positive test. Can return on day 11 if fever free for 72 hours.
Close Contact - Restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optional Modified In-School Opportunity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mask use required in all settings until completion of the restriction period. 10 day restriction period from last contact with a positive case. Masks are again optional on day 11. Modified lunch format. Testing Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can test on day 7 with a <u>PCR</u> Test to Stay and Learn. If the test is negative, cleared on day 8. Can test on day 6 with a <u>PCR</u> test from a health provider. If the test is negative, cleared on day 8. Close contact due to a home COVID positive case, must be tested daily, regardless of vaccination status, to be allowed to attend school in a mask during the close contact restriction period.
Extra-Curricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To participate in high-risk activities, close contacts must have a negative <u>antigen</u> Test to Stay and Learn result everyday. To participate in low-risk extracurricular activities, close contacts must have a negative <u>antigen</u> Test to Stay and Learn result the day of the activity.
Bussing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are required on all district transportation. Parents are required to transport to and from school during the close contact restriction period unless <ul style="list-style-type: none"> students must be totally symptom free and must have a negative <u>antigen</u> Test to Stay and Learn result everyday.



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PART I.

Describe how the district will maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and other staff and the extent to which it has adopted policies, and a description of any such policies, on each of the following safety recommendations established by the CDC:

(A) Universal and correct wearing of masks:

Our school district has removed the mask mandate and made masks optional again effective September 14, based on recommendations available at the time and as vaccination rates grow and infection rates go down in our community. Masks are still recommended for unvaccinated individuals and unvaccinated groups. The school district received a grant at the beginning of October and is able to test students to stay and learn and be able to participate in extracurricular activities.

If needed, we may adopt reasonable safety measures to protect the safety of district personnel, students, and visitors during school-related activities. Reasonable safety measures may include, but may not be limited to, cleaning and sanitization plans, use of physical safeguards and barriers, and the use of personal protective equipment (PPE). Exceptions to any requirements may be granted as required by law, state, county, and/or local health officials, and on a case-by-case basis. We will continue to monitor national, state, and local government and health agency mandates, guidance, and recommendations as well.

Lastly, the district will continue to train students and staff in the proper wearing of personal protective equipment as needed, and we will post signage outlining the proper wearing of personal protective equipment as needed.

(B) Modifying facilities to allow for physical distancing (e.g., use of cohorts/podding).

Where possible, social distancing practices will be utilized. Efforts will be made to maintain classroom seating with a minimum of 3 feet of social distancing between students and between students and staff for the 2021-2022 school year. Considerations will be made for cohorts or podding if needed.

(C) Handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

Handwashing and respiratory etiquette will continue to be taught to students with emphasis and practice protocols rehearsed more frequently in the primary grade levels. Signage will continue to be posted throughout our buildings as reminders of handwashing and respiratory etiquette. In addition, hand sanitizing stations and liquids will continue to be made available for use in all classrooms.

(D) Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation.

Custodial staff have been and will continue to follow specific cleaning protocols and procedures. We will continue to consider assignments/reassignments to applicable shifts in order to continually clean high traffic and high contact surfaces. Our district will continue to use cleaning solutions that are rated to eliminate the COVID-19 virus. We will continue to monitor ventilation efficiency and effectiveness for opportunities to continually improve air quality.

(E) Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the State, local, territorial, or Tribal health departments.

Administration will assist our local health department in completing all contact tracing efforts as required by our local health department guidelines and recommendations.



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(F) Diagnostic and screening testing.

Students, staff, and community members can access COVID-19 diagnostic or screening tests through a variety of community partners. School nurse and staff will continue to monitor for symptoms, trends, and clusters, and request that students and staff seek medical services as appropriate.

(G) Efforts to provide vaccinations to school communities.

Our district will participate and partner with vaccination efforts in accordance with state and federal law for staff and eligible student groups.

(H) Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to health and safety policies.

Our district will provide reasonable, necessary, and appropriate accommodations to its policies and practices for students with disabilities as determined by individual student needs and in accordance with an individual's documented accommodations and/or individualized education plan (IEP). Parents or guardians of students requiring accommodations should contact the applicable building administrator(s) to request information on plans for students with disabilities

(I) Coordination with State and local health officials.

Applicable district personnel currently participate, and will continue to participate, with our local county health department and/or agencies on a frequent basis to determine next steps as needed.

Part II. Describe how the district will ensure continuity of services, including but not limited to:

(A) Services to address students' academic needs

Our district has implemented a summer learning program to assist students with academic recovery. Our district plans to continue full time, in-person instruction beginning the fall of 2021. Our district has added a curriculum coordinator to help staff focus on the reading process K-12 and where possible, implement further academic recovery efforts in core curriculum areas. We have added reading materials and training for students struggling to read in tier 2 and tier 3 in the elementary school and we have added an intervention specialist in grades 6-12 during the instructional day.

(B) Students' and staff social, emotional, mental health

Our district has K-12 staff to monitor and address the social and emotional learning needs of our students. We will continue to support our social worker and school counselors and partner with local mental health services with the goal of helping students and families overcome obstacles with connecting to school.

Our district has provided staff with opportunities for social and emotional supports. Staff social and emotional wellness and mental health are also considered in district communications and staff committees.

(C) Other needs, which may include student health and food services.

Free meals will be made available for all eligible youth this summer and during the 2021-2022 school year. Families may also be in contact with their child's school for any other health or food service needs.