

## Revised COVID-19 Protocol

### How this plan was created

- Analysis of district, county and regional COVID-19 data and vaccination rates
- Guidance from state, county and local health departments
- Consultation with area school districts and community input

### How this plan will be modified

- Review of ongoing COVID-19 cases and vaccination rate data
- Input from parents, teachers and staff
- Guidance from local, county, state and federal health departments and organizations

### Masking

Students and adults: masks will be optional for all vaccinated students, teachers, staff and other adults indoors. When riding on a school bus, masks are still required per Federal requirements.

For those who are not vaccinated, masking is strongly recommended at all times when indoors and is required when on a school bus.

### Social Distancing

As best as possible, there should be 3 feet between students in the classroom and when assembled in larger groups. Close contact should be limited to 15 minutes at a time.

[Click here to read the full Mask to Stay / Test to Play Option](#)

**Please note: Eligibility to participate in mask to stay/test to play is contingent on the exposure being in the school setting or school-related activities. This does not apply to household exposures or exposures outside of the school setting or school-related activities.**

### Mask to Stay

Direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom environment if they do the following:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Self-monitor, or parent-monitor, for [symptoms of COVID-19](#).
- Isolate and get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with COVID-19 (regardless of level of severity).
- Consistent with guidance for others quarantining in lower-risk environments, students and staff may discontinue these quarantine procedures after seven days — if they don't develop symptoms and test negative between days 5-7.

*Direct contacts for COVID-19 are those individuals who are identified as being directly exposed to COVID-19 by the positive case. Remember, COVID-19 is a respiratory virus and does not require physical contact to spread. It is spread through sneezing, coughing, talking, and breathing. These factors should be considered when determining level of exposure and direct contacts. Best practice for distancing is 3 ft with everyone masked, 6 ft if the individual is not masked.*

*Parents and students are responsible for symptom monitoring; however, if nurses/school staff see a child exhibiting symptoms they should [act accordingly](#).*

### Test to Play

Asymptomatic contacts may continue to participate in extracurricular activities if they do the following:

- Wear a mask when able. (This includes: transportation; locker rooms; sitting/standing on the sidelines; and anytime the mask will not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard.)
- Test on initial notification of exposure to COVID-19.
- Test again on days 5-7. If they are negative at this time, they will test out of quarantine. If test is positive, student starts 14-day protocol.

**Please Note: The tests referenced above are SARS-CoV-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests. They should be proctored/observed by someone and cannot be an over the counter, at-home test that was self-administered without a proctor**