



# Masking and Close Contact Quarantine Procedure

September 2, 2021

## Face Masks- Staff and Volunteers:

- Masks are mandatory for volunteers within the building at all times.
- Masks are required to be worn indoors for all faculty and staff.
- Additional accommodations may need to be made for staff based on their individual health plan.
- If individuals are outside, and can maintain 6 feet of physical distance from anyone not in their immediate household, masks would not be necessary.
- Nurses, special education staff, and transportation staff may additionally need face shield/goggles in addition to masks based on individual health plans.

## Face Masks- Students:

- Masks will be required to be worn for both vaccinated and unvaccinated students.
- If individuals are outside, and can maintain 6 feet of physical distance from anyone not in their immediate household, masks would not be necessary.
- Masks are mandatory during bus transportation.
- If conditions warrant a change, that will be communicated to families.

## Classroom/Bus Setting Quarantine Protocol

- Close contact definition per IDOH if desk/seat arrangement is forward facing: is any individual within 3 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more.
- Close contact definition per IDOH if desks are facing one another: is any individual within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more.
- Close contacts in classrooms where mask wearing may be intermittent for instructional purposes will be required to quarantine. (i.e. choir, band, or PE classes with vigorous activity)
- Individuals correctly and consistently wearing a well fitting mask do not have to quarantine if identified as a close contact in the classroom setting per Executive Order 21-24, unless symptomatic.
- Vaccinated individuals identified as close contacts do not need to quarantine unless they become symptomatic.
- Contact tracing will still be performed for all positive cases. Parents of students identified as close contacts will be notified and asked to monitor for symptoms.
- If a close contact becomes symptomatic, regardless of vaccination status, they will be removed promptly from the school environment and their quarantine period begins with onset of symptoms, this resets the quarantine period to day 0.

## Non-classroom quarantine protocol

- Non-classroom is defined as: breakfast/lunch, indoor recess, athletics, extracurricular activities, classes where students are not masked, or off school grounds.
- Asymptomatic, non-vaccinated close contacts may return on day 8, from the day of exposure, with a negative PCR or antigen (rapid) test obtained on day 5 or later by a testing facility. Day of exposure is day 0. Proof of a negative test is required to return to school and must be provided to the school nurse. Negative at home tests will not be accepted.
- Symptomatic close contacts, regardless of vaccinated status, have to complete their 10 day isolation from onset of symptoms. If symptoms resolve they may return on day 11.
- Continue enhanced precautions on days 8-14.