

# COVID-19 MITIGATION OPENING PLAN 2021–2022

## School Based Guidelines and Best Practices

### Introduction

**Requirement** – This is defined as something that is specifically required for all campuses. These will be indicated in this document by an **Ⓡ**

**Best Practices** – These are defined as highly suggested practices, indicated by a **β**

### Compliance and Reporting

#### Staff

- We will continue to report all known COVID cases to the local health department as well as the health dashboard on MS Teams.

#### Students and Parents

- We will continue to report all known COVID cases to the local health department as well as the health dashboard on MS Teams.

### Face Mask Policy

- Face coverings are **strongly encouraged** for ALL unvaccinated students, teachers, staff, and visitors while indoors on campus; and
- Face coverings are **recommended** for all vaccinated students, teachers, staff, and visitors while indoors on campus.

**\*NOTE: Face coverings may be mandated** due to local or state orders or local or state health conditions.

### Entering and exiting the building

**Guiding Principle** – We will facilitate a safe and coordinated entrance into the building.

- Hand sanitizing stations must be present at all entry points for students **Ⓡ**

### In the Classroom

- For the foreseeable future, musical instruments (specifically wind instruments) should have covers on the instruments. **β**
- Hand sanitizer should be available in every classroom.
- Sharing materials is discouraged.
- Cleaning materials and disinfectants are available for frequent use, which is encouraged whenever necessary.

### Recess

**Guiding Principle** – There is a great opportunity for cross-interaction during recess. Minimizing that to the greatest extent possible is ideal.

- Disinfect and sanitize recess spaces daily **Ⓡ**

- Consider using a sprayer to disinfect large areas or items with ease  $\beta$
- Students use hand sanitizer before and after recess  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

## Restroom Use

**Guiding Principle** – There is a great opportunity for cross-interaction during bathroom use. Minimizing that to the greatest extent possible is ideal.

- Sinks need to be tested to ensure water flows for a minimum 30 seconds  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$
- Schools must develop a regular and frequent cleaning schedule of restrooms  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

## Award Ceremony

**Guiding Principle** – Recognition of student success remains important and should be in person.

- Schools may consider live-streaming the ceremony for parents at home, assuming proper privacy precautions have been taken (media release verification, etc.)  $\beta$

## Building & Process Guidelines and Best Practices

### Entrance Doors (student and staff)

Required:  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms

### Front Lobby

Required:  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

- COVID signage that lists common symptoms
- Hand sanitizing station

Optional:

- Plexi glass sneeze guard on front office window

## COVID Waiting Room (dedicated space not required)

Required:  $\text{\textcircled{R}}$

- A space that can be used if needed, does not need to be a dedicated room.
- Cleaning checklist MUST be saved

## COVID 19 Decontamination Protocol

- When responding to a request to decontaminate a space that has been confirmed as a COVID-19 exposure location, the following protocols MUST be followed:
  - Confirm the space was last occupied by the exposed person a minimum of 24 hours prior.
  - Use the required PPE to ensure your personal safety in the decontamination process:
    - Gloves, face covering, eye protection, disposable gown
    - Thoroughly clean the space using standard cleaning procedures and chemicals.
    - Thoroughly disinfect the space (all open, accessible hard surfaces) using the appropriate disinfectant.

- Allow the chemical to dwell a minimum of 3 minutes prior to wiping with microfiber towel.
- Use the Protexus Electrostatic sprayer and appropriately diluted PurTabs as a final disinfection process.

### Students who appear sick:

- If a student should become ill during the school day, and exhibit any of the following:
  - Feverish/sweaty/flushed/warm to the touch not due to running or physical activity
  - Chills/shaking due to being cold, when others are not displaying the same symptoms
  - Continuous coughing (not due to choking on water/saliva, chronic asthma/allergies)
  - Having difficulty breathing and/or visibly looking distressed
  - A temperature at or above 100.4 degrees
  - Vomiting or diarrhea
  - Indicators of an infectious illness (e.g. chicken pox, pink eye, influenza, etc.).
- Please provide the student with a health room pass and send the student to health room to be triaged
  - Ask student to wear a mask, although this is only required in locations with existing mask mandates.
- Contact parents or guardian immediately to pick up their student
  - Staff will also ask the parent/guardian if the student in the previous two weeks has had close contact with someone who had a confirmed case of COVID-19. If the answer is yes, the “COVID-19 Exposure” screening process will be followed.

### When sick students can return to school

- If a student COMES TO SCHOOL with higher risk COVID-19 symptoms such as cough, fever, shortness of breath or loss of taste and smell, parents will need to pick the student up from school and they can return once the following conditions are met:
  - The student should be fever free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
  - The student should not have any signs or symptoms of illness.
- For students who are ill and DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL, they may return if following our current return to school policy:
  - They are fever free (less than 100.4 degrees) for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication; and
  - they have no other signs or symptoms of illness.

### Confirmed Exposure to COVID-19 (Isolation)

- Employees and/or students can return to campus once the following conditions are met:
  - It has been at least 10 days since the exposure/onset of symptoms, or a negative test result on or after the 6th day from exposure allows the individual to return on or after the 8th day from exposure; and
  - it has been at least 24 hours that the employee/student has been fever free, without fever reducing medication.
  - Vaccinated individuals without symptoms do not need to quarantine.
  - Vaccinated individuals who have symptoms must quarantine.

**NOTE:** Subject to local health departments' directives and changes to CDC guidelines, the quarantine period for all unvaccinated individuals may extend up to 14 days.

### Confirmed cases of COVID-19

- Employees and/or students can return to campus once the following conditions are met:
  - It has been at least 10 days since the onset of symptoms, or the positive test result, whichever came first.
  - Respiratory symptoms have improved or ended.
  - It has been at least 24 hours that the employee/student has been fever free, without fever reducing medication.

### Exception to Quarantine Requirement

- Per the CDC, in the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.
  - This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.