Covid-19 Protocols for 21-22

All plans and protocols are fluid and can change based upon new data, information, and local numbers:

- Face coverings are recommended for students, staff, and visitors, but are not required regardless of vaccination status. The school supports anyone that wishes to wear a face covering if they so choose. Masking is recommended by the CDC and MDH regardless of vaccination status.
- Visitors may be in school for educational purposes only.
- **ALL** people are **REQUIRED** by the CDC order to wear face coverings on a school bus.
- Individuals testing positive for Covid-19 will be asked to stay home for a period of 10 days and until symptoms are no longer present. Students will continue to engage with their teacher[s] via Google or other platforms.
- Individuals exhibiting Covid symptoms may be asked to [1] get tested, [2] receive an alternative diagnosis from a provider, or [3] remain home for 10 days without fever reducing medications. Symptomatic students and staff will be asked to wear masks upon entering the nurses office.
  Families will be expected to perform a home health screening of their children each morning prior to boarding the bus or entering a school building.
- Contact tracing will resume as a recommendation for best practice. Close contacts will be encouraged to utilize the quarantine options. Close contacts [within 3 feet of an infected person for a cumulative of 15 minutes] will be informed of the lab confirmed positive and will be directed to monitor for symptoms.
- Vaccinations are not required to attend school. Families are encouraged to consult with their primary care provider in consideration of this option.
- We encourage water bottles, the use of hand sanitizers, and continued hand washing for all.
- Meal time and recesses will return to Pre-COVID structure. Seating charts will be created for easier contact tracing.
- The following mitigation strategies will be in place to begin the 2021-2022 school year.
  Physical distancing to the extent possible [3 feet], increased ventilation, routine handwashing and respiratory etiquette, routine cleaning and disinfecting.
- If your child is not feeling well, please keep them home.