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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 until they feel better and are fever free for 24 hours 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.