

Pottsville School District

“Mask Advisory”

COVID-19 Precautions Policy

Purpose: The intent of this policy is to provide guidance for the Pottsville School District “Mask Advisory” regarding masking during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: Data to guide the parameters of the policy will be reviewed by the administrative team utilizing onsite data and <https://achi.net/> as its primary data source. This guideline is subject to adjustments based on guidelines received from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and any directives from the Governor or DESE.

Standard Precautions: At all levels of risk, classrooms should continue to emphasize the use of washing hands, barriers, COVID daily screening, physical distancing, and thorough disinfecting of all facilities.

Other Precautions: Upon entering the buildings at all campuses, students will go directly to their teacher and have their temperature checked. PSD will use the CDC’s recommended guideline of 100.4 degrees to determine if student will be sent home.

WHO: All K-12 staff and K-12 students

WHAT: Wearing of mask:

1. A mask will be worn on buses at all times.
2. Wearing a mask at all times is strongly recommended for K-12 students and staff.
3. There will be a mask mandate at individual schools if the active cases at any given time reach 2% of that school’s student population. Duration of the mask mandate will be re-evaluated after two weeks.
4. A mask will be worn at all indoor events if that individual school is under a mask mandate.
5. Masks are optional for all outdoor athletic events.
6. There may be other learning opportunities that require mandatory masking that will be evaluated on a case by case basis.

Quarantine: Pottsville School District will follow the CDC and Arkansas Department of Health’s recommendation for the quarantining of students and staff.

1. If a staff member or student is vaccinated they will not be required to quarantine if they are considered a close contact of a positive case, unless they start having symptoms.
2. If both the close contact and positive case are wearing masks the close contact will not have to quarantine unless they start showing symptoms.
3. Individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19, recovered and are within three months of their original diagnosis are not required to quarantine.

Amended – 8/30/21 – In order to be eligible for the 7 day quarantine an individual must have a negative test result from a licensed medical professional. At home rapid test results will not be accepted.

Amended-10/19/21-For quarantine purposes, the definition of close contact has been changed. It was within 6 feet for 15 minutes in a given 24 hour period, and it has been changed to 3 feet for 15 minutes.