



## COVID-19 MITIGATION & SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR 2021-2022

<b>MASKS</b>	<p>Students and staff are strongly encouraged to wear masks to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, as recommended by public health officials.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Students and staff are <b>required</b> to wear masks on school buses.</li> <li>• Students and staff are <b>required</b> to wear masks in health rooms and isolation rooms when students and/or staff have COVID-like respiratory symptoms.</li> <li>• Visitors will be <b>required</b> to wear masks.</li> </ul>
<b>SOCIAL DISTANCING</b>	<p>At least 3 feet of social distancing will be maintained in classrooms and other areas where possible and to the greatest extent possible. Plexiglass desk shields will continue to be used in classrooms.</p>
<b>VISITORS</b>	<p>Visitors will be allowed inside schools only to handle urgent/critical matters. In those instances, visitors (including parents and vendors making deliveries) will be required to wear masks and practice social distancing.</p> <p>Conferences with parents (including IEP meetings) that do not need to be held in person will be held virtually. Any in-person parent conferences will be held in designated locations where social distancing and other safety protocols can be followed.</p>
<b>CLEANING &amp; DISINFECTION</b>	<p>Classrooms have been supplied with hands-free towel dispensers, touchless hand sanitizer stations and disinfectant wipes. Cleaning and disinfection procedures will continue to be based on CDC guidelines with emphasis on sanitizing frequently touched surfaces. Electrostatic disinfection also will be utilized to supplement the disinfection process, as needed.</p>
<b>HVAC/ AIR QUALITY</b>	<p>All HVAC units are being serviced to maximize air quality, including appropriate filter upgrades. Nursing stations and isolation rooms have been equipped with HEPA-rated air purification units to improve filtration and air quality for occupants.</p>
<b>MEALS</b>	<p>The district's Nutrition Services team will work with schools to determine the best plan for student meal service, including whether students will eat meals in the cafeteria or in their classrooms. Outside food delivery to students is not allowed.</p>
<b>AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS</b>	<p>Afterschool programs, including child care programs, will operate and follow established safety protocols. External (non-district) staff will be required to wear masks.</p>
<b>VACCINATIONS</b>	<p>The district encourages students, staff and everyone else who is eligible to be vaccinated (ages 12 and up) to get vaccinated to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools and in our community.</p>
<b>QUARANTINES</b>	<p>Vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff who are identified as close contacts (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more) of positive COVID-19 cases will be required to quarantine for 14 days.</p>

**NOTE: Parents who have questions that are not addressed above should contact their child's school.**