

# **Covid Guidelines for Back to School**

## **School COVID Guidelines**

- Students **MUST** wear masks indoors. (classrooms, auditorium, office, bathroom, church, etc.)
- Students may choose to wear masks outdoors. Mask usage outdoors will **NOT** be enforced. However, in the event of large outdoor gatherings where many students are in close proximity i.e Assembly, Movie Night, Back-to-School Night, mask-wearing is recommended.
- Alternative protective strategies may be adopted to accommodate students who have medical reasons when they cannot use or tolerate a face mask. Students who present appropriate documentation demonstrating a disability or condition that does not allow them to safely wear a mask should wear a face shield with drape at the bottom if their condition allows it. Students with documented conditions that do not accommodate the face shield and drape may request a reasonable accommodation from the school or district. Assessing for exemption due to a medical condition, mental health condition, disability that prevents wearing a mask, or hearing impairment is a medical determination and therefore must be made by a physician, nurse practitioner, or other licensed medical professional practicing under the license of a physician. Self-attestation and parental attestation for mask exemptions due to the aforementioned conditions do not constitute medical determinations.
- Students will hand sanitize throughout the day as needed. Hand-washing will be required after Recess and Lunch.
- Maintain an increased distance as much as possible during times when students or staff are not masked (e.g., due to eating or drinking, napping).
- Classroom furniture is set up to maximize distance between students and between students and teachers. Where distancing is not feasible, other safety measures including focus on high mask adherence will be utilized.

- Students and/or parents may request a desk shield at any time.
- Students are encouraged to bring an extra mask to school every day.
- Per the Health Department, drinking fountains may be available for use, but we encourage water bottles. Each student may bring a water bottle to school each day, with enough water for all-day. (Water bottle donations will be greatly appreciated)
- A staff or a designated person will clean and disinfect school premises when students are not at school with adequate time to let spaces air out before the start of the school day.
- Signage informing the requirement of a face mask when indoors will be posted throughout the school and students will be reminded on a regular basis.
- All students, 2 and older are required to wear face masks at all times while indoors on school property except while eating, drinking, or carrying out other activities that preclude use of face mask.
- Doors and windows are kept open during the school day if feasible and if outdoor conditions make this appropriate. Existing fire codes requiring closure of fire-rated doors must be respected.
- Air filters have been upgraded to a higher efficiency.
- Ventilation is to be maximized during cleaning and disinfecting to the extent feasible. Ensure air filters are checked and replaced to optimize air quality.
- Visitors will be registered in a visitor log that includes a visitor's name, phone number and email address in case this information is needed in the future for contact tracing purposes.
- Visitors arriving at the school are reminded to wear a face mask at all times while inside the school. This applies to all adults and to children 2 years of age and older. Individuals who have been instructed by their medical provider that they should not wear a face mask should wear a face shield with a drape on the bottom edge, as long as their condition permits it. A drape that is form fitting under the chin is preferred. Masks with one-way valves must not be used. A face mask will be made available to visitors who arrive without them.
- Campus Screening and temperature checks are not required at this time.

**\*COVID regulations and guidelines may change at any time. Parents and students will be notified when changes are mandated.**

