

Mountain View School District
COVID-19 Mitigation Protocols
School Year 2021-2022

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This information is to provide faculty, staff, and students in the Mountain View School District face covering/mask protocols and other important safety information for the 2021-2022 school year in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols may be revised by the District's Health and Safety Plan team or Superintendent at any time based on PA Department of Education (PDE) and the PA Department of Health (DOH) guidelines/recommendations/mandates, as well as local conditions within the county and school buildings.

MASKS/FACE COVERINGS

- The District will follow the PA Department of Health indoor masking mandate starting on Tuesday, September 7, 2021. All vaccinated and unvaccinated students and staff will wear masks until such time as the PA Department of Health (DOH), revises or eliminates its guidelines pertaining to masks in schools.
- Once the Pennsylvania Department of Health and the Governor's office removes the state-wide mask mandate, the Superintendent may temporarily mandate masks to be worn by all, vaccinated and unvaccinated, students, staff, and visitors during the school day and at extracurricular events if COVID-19 conditions within the County and/or school buildings warrant until such conditions permit the mandate to be lifted.
- The Superintendent may require **mandatory** face masking if Susquehanna County enters the "High" Level of transmission and/or if a school building has a rolling 14 day case number of 5 or more cases. District closure may be considered depending on core group outbreaks.
- Masks will not be required when students and staff **are outdoors** regardless of transmission level unless physical distancing cannot be maintained. If proper physical distancing (6 ft. or more) cannot be maintained, masks may be required.
- As per the federal mandate, issued in January 2021, masks must be worn by all individuals while on public transportation regardless of vaccination status. This includes school buses and other school vehicles and includes transportation to any school sponsored event. Drivers are permitted to remove their mask when there are no passengers on the bus or in the vehicle.
- The District has purchased masks/face shields to ensure that every student and staff member will have access to one on an as needed basis. Employees and students will receive a review on the proper wearing of masks. Staff members will also monitor students to ensure proper mask wearing and physical distancing.

PHYSICAL DISTANCING: The District will use 3 feet physical distancing (6 ft. for adults) to the greatest extent feasible in classrooms. The building principals will utilize many common areas as extra instructional teaching spaces to maximize physical distancing. The cafeteria, gymnasium, library and auditorium will be considered as additional space as needed. Extra furniture and supplies will be removed to maximize distancing opportunities. In large groups, the district will use 6 ft. to the greatest extent feasible.

HAND SANITIZING/WASHING: The District will provide hand sanitizer for all classrooms, in hallways, and the common areas (main office and main lobby areas). Students will be taught handwashing and respiratory etiquette at certain points of the school year.

QUARANTINING/CONTACT TRACING: The District will follow the most recent PA DOH quarantine and contact tracing protocols and guidelines. The LEA will follow the PA Department of Health guidance for close contacts who are fully vaccinated and CDC guidance if both the infected student and close contact(s) are masked. The District will require isolation and quarantine of the infected individuals and close contacts, if necessary. The Superintendent or his designee will work in consultation with the PA DOH to determine when school closures are necessary.

If a student maintains 3 ft. of distance or more from an infected student in the classroom or on the bus, and both students are masked, he/she is not considered a close contact and does not need to be quarantined.

For Vaccinated Individuals

If a vaccinated individual is classified as a close contact (Adult-within 6 ft. for 15 continuous minutes; Student- within 3 ft. for 15 continuous minutes in a classroom), he/she will be required to quarantine for 10 days. Unless, he/she are asymptomatic and shows proof of vaccination.

If the close contact is asymptomatic and shows proof of vaccination then:

He/she must wear a mask indoors and is recommended to be tested 2-5 days after exposure.

If the vaccinated close contact receives a negative test, he/she is still required to wear a mask. If the vaccinated close contact receives a positive test, he/she must quarantine for the 10 days from the date of test or date of symptoms and must be cleared by a health care provider.

The District is requesting proof of COVID-19 vaccination from all vaccinated employees for possible future contact tracing purposes. Students are encouraged to share proof of vaccination with administration if exposed as a possible close contact.

Unvaccinated Adults and Students

If a person is unvaccinated and has been identified as a close contact, he/she must quarantine for 10 days or can test on or after 5 days of exposure and return to school/work with a mask after 7 days with a negative test and without any symptoms.

A person who has been exposed and has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and recovered or has had a positive antibody test within the past 3 months and is asymptomatic, does not have to quarantine or get tested as long as he/she does not develop new symptoms.


If the unvaccinated person lives with a COVID-19 positive person, the unvaccinated person must quarantine with the positive COVID-19 person during his/her isolation, and then quarantine for an additional 10 days or test on the 5th day and return to school after the 7th day with negative test results.

Any student/staff that leaves the school nurse's office with COVID-19 like symptoms will work directly with the school nurse to determine a return date based on symptoms and if a test or consultation with a health care provider is necessary.

FACILITY CLEANING AND SANITIZING: Our high traffic areas (counters, tables, door knobs and water foundations) will continue to be sanitized throughout the day. Teachers will open windows during the day to help with ventilation when weather permits. High grade air filters are currently being used and are changed quarterly. All cleaning supplies and disinfectants meet the CDC guidelines. All classroom and high traffic areas are byoglobed every day. All buses are sanitized before and after each bus run.


***COVID-19 Testing Program:** The District, if provided with the opportunity to do so by the PA DOH, will evaluate the opportunity to conduct diagnostic and screening testing on the school district campus for students and staff.

TRANSITIONING TO VIRTUAL LEARNING: The District will closely monitor the weekly total number of COVID-19 positive cases and will transition to virtual learning if these positive cases and quarantines significantly impact the overall educational process and the ability to maintain all safety protocols and procedures. The district will follow the DOH recommendation of 5% of the total population (Students/Staff) of confirmed students/staff positive cases in a 14-day window before considering virtual learning.



Mountain View School Board
President

10-11-2021
Date:



Mountain View School District
Superintendent

9-27-2021
Date: