

August 23, 2022
Dear Pointer Parent/Guardian,

This school year the Mineral Point Unified School District will follow the CDC's Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning.

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html

Please note some of these highlights:

- Individuals with symptoms of COVID-19 should get a COVID-19 test and will be presumed
  positive if not tested. Please refer to <u>COVID-19 Health Screening Checklist for</u>
  <u>CHILDREN</u> for which symptoms could indicate the need for testing
- Individuals who test positive must isolate at home Days 0-5 and may return to school masked Days 6-10 (may test out of masking early if negative antigen test on BOTH Days 6&8, or 7&9, or 8&10)
- Quarantine is no longer recommended and there will be no contact tracing at school
- If the school is made aware that an individual is considered a Close Contact, that Close Contact should mask for 10 days whenever indoors
- It is recommended that Close Contacts test on Day 5 and this can be done at school with parent permission, but there is no option for known Close Contacts to test out of masking before Day 11
- Masking is optional.
  - Universal masking is strongly recommended when Iowa County is in a HIGH (red)
     COVID-19 Community Level and could be required to control an in-school outbreak.
     https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html
- Free at-home test kits will soon be available for students and staff to take home if needed

If you have any questions, please reach out.

Sincerely,
Mitch Wainwright, Superintendent
Angela Klein, Director of Pupil Services
Matt Austin, High School Principal
Vickie Dahl, Middle School Principal
Matt Renwick, Elementary School Principal

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