

# Mineral Point School District COVID MITIGATION PLAN 2021-2022

**GOALS:** To continue in-person learning as much as possible and prevent spread of COVID-19 in school

## Instructional Models

- The district will offer in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year
- In rare cases, the district may have to temporarily close school buildings for in person instruction at the discretion of district superintendent if there is significant spread or exposure to COVID-19 within the school, which would require time for contact tracing and communication with those who will be excluded OR if the inability to adequately staff occurs due to high numbers of staff in isolation or quarantine for COVID-19. Closures longer than 1 day of duration require board approval of administration plans.
- Questions regarding instructional models should be directed to the building principal

## Safety Measures

- Face Coverings
  - Students and staff in grades EC/PK-12 will follow the masking requirements per guidelines in the Masking Matrix while indoors at school or indoor co-curricular activities
  - All building visitors ages 5 and up will be required to wear masks inside all district buildings
  - Based on the CDC order, all students and staff are required to wear a mask on school buses and when in school district owned vehicles, unless there is only a driver present.
  - Students may remove face coverings when eating, drinking, during socially distanced scheduled breaks and at outdoor recess or classes outdoors.
  - Students and staff may be exempted from wearing face coverings due to special behavioral, or individual needs or due to a documented medical condition. Other exceptions may be made on a case-by-case basis by the Principal, Director of Special Education, or District Administrator.
  - Bandanas, gaiters and masks with exhaust valves are not allowed as they provide minimal protection for the wearer and those around them.
  - All other rules of the district related to student dress, apply equally to masks and face coverings.
- Hand Washing and Cough Etiquette
  - Encourage frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer
  - Do not touch face covering
  - Cover cough and sneeze
- Social Distancing in school
  - Staff and students should avoid direct physical contact and maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between themselves and others. Regardless of appropriate masking, staff and students who are less than 3 feet from an infected individual in the classroom, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period are considered a close contact. Regardless of appropriate masking, staff and students who are less than 6 feet from an infected individual in non-classroom indoor settings, for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24 hour period are considered a close contact.

## Classroom and Non-classroom Exposures, Close Contacts, and Quarantines for Staff and Students

- Classroom Exposure (regardless of masking)
  - <3 feet= Close Contact: may attend school and sports/co-curriculars masked and socially distanced indoors during the 10 days after last exposure, or until negative covid test obtained at least day 5 after exposure. Monitor for symptoms X 10 days.
  - >3 feet=not a Close Contact
- Non-classroom Exposure (regardless of masking)
  - <6 feet= Close Contact: may attend school and sports/co-curriculars masked and socially distanced indoors during the 10 days after last exposure, or until negative covid test obtained at least day 5 after exposure. Monitor for symptoms X 10 days.
  - >6 feet=not a Close Contact
- Asymptomatic Close Contacts can come to school and extracurricular activities as long as:
  - Masked and socially distanced indoors during the 10 days after the last exposure, or until a negative covid test is obtained on at least Day 5 after the last exposure.
  - Monitor and report symptoms for 10 days.
- At any point in the offered 10 day in-school quarantine period, if a Close Contact student or staff member chooses not to mask, they will be converted to a home quarantine.
- If a student has a valid mask exemption due to a qualifying health condition, the ability of staff to provide in-person quarantine periods with appropriate distancing and PPE will be determined on an individual basis.

## Symptom Monitoring

- On a daily basis, staff, students and parents should monitor for symptoms of infectious illness before attending school **regardless of vaccination status**.
- Please refer to the [Health Screening Checklist](#) if your child is exhibiting signs of illness.
- If you are symptomatic (even if vaccinated) & obtained a negative covid test result, you may return to school and extracurricular activities if you are fever free for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving. If you were in quarantine for close contact exposure at the time of the symptom onset, covid test negative, fever free for 24 hours AND symptoms are improving, you would return to initiated quarantine procedure until 10 days after exposure.
- If you are symptomatic and choose to not get tested you must isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms and may return on Day 6 if fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND symptoms are improving, AND only if masked whenever indoors days 6-10. If the staff or student is not able to consistently and correctly mask indoors they will be converted to a home isolation for the full 10 days after symptoms started.
- If you are diagnosed with another condition that explains symptoms (e.g., influenza or strep throat), you must complete the exclusion period for the diagnosed disease as listed in the [Wisconsin Childhood Communicable Disease Chart](#) and provide a note from a healthcare provider.

## Isolation Protocols for Staff and Students Who are Confirmed or Suspected to be COVID-positive

- Symptomatic
  - The start of the infectious period is two days prior to symptom onset
  - Isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms and may return on Day 6 if fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND symptoms are improving, AND only if masked whenever indoors days 6-10.
- Asymptomatic
  - The start of the infectious period is two days prior to the day of collection of the positive test
  - Isolate for 5 days from the onset of symptoms and may return on Day 6 if fever-free for 24 hours without medication AND symptoms are improving, AND only if masked whenever indoors days 6-10.
- If the positive staff or student is not able to consistently and correctly mask indoors on Days 6-10 they will be converted to a home isolation for the full 10 days after symptoms started.

## Testing

- The district will not accept rapid antigen tests that have not been collected at school or in a healthcare setting/pharmacy.

Mask Matrix			
Transmission Level	Green	Yellow	Red
If 53565 Cases /100,000 over 7 days (53565 population: 4672)	0 - 49 (Less than 3 cases in a 7 day period)	50 - 200 (3-9 cases in a 7 day period)	>200 (10 or more cases in a 7 day period)
or			
% of students/staff positive or quarantined	<10%	10% - 20%	>20%
Face Coverings	Optional	Required for EC/4K classrooms. Recommended for K-12th grade.	Required
Quarantine Protocol	Allow in school quarantine for non-household exposures if testing capacity allows.	Allow in school quarantine for non-household exposures if testing capacity allows.	Allow in school quarantine for non-household exposures if testing capacity allows.

- Using the Mineral Point COVID Matrix, data from the zip code cases AND % staff/students positive or quarantined will be utilized. If the two indicators suggest different transmission levels, the higher level is selected.
- Snapshot every Friday and announce Friday afternoon for any changes that may come Monday. This will include the number of current cases and close contacts.
- 2 weeks in a row with zip code or building data at a lower level are needed to trigger a shift to that level.
- If the snapshot on Friday indicates a higher level transmission with either metric, that triggers a shift to higher risk level the following Monday.
- Only households of close contacts will be notified for each positive case.