

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

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 [2/2022 Updated: COVID-19 Health Screening AT HOME FOR PARENTS](#) if your child is exhibiting signs of illness.
- If a student or staff member has symptoms that meet criteria that indicate the need for COVID-19 testing (see [2/2022 Updated: COVID-19 Health Screening Checklist for CHILDREN](#)), they may stay at or immediately return to school **ONLY** after completing a negative COVID-19 test performed at school, healthcare facility, or pharmacy **AND ONLY** if they are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication.
- If a student or staff member is diagnosed with another condition that explains symptoms (e.g., influenza or strep throat), they 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.
- If a student or staff member is symptomatic and chooses to not get tested they will be treated like a suspected positive case.

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

- Symptomatic
 - 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
 - Isolate for 5 days from the test date 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 student or staff member 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 continue to provide COVID-19 testing at school for symptomatic students and staff and for screening upon request. The district will not accept rapid antigen tests that have not been collected at school or in a healthcare setting/pharmacy.

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

- THERE WILL BE NO CONTACT TRACING AT SCHOOL OR SCHOOL-RELATED EVENTS
- Non-school-related Exposure (regardless of masking)
 - <6 feet for 15 minutes or more in a 24 hour period= 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. Retest if symptoms develop after negative test on Day 5
 - Asymptomatic Close Contacts can come to school and extracurricular activities as long as they are masked 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.
- 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.

Mask Policy

- The district will follow the CDC's mask recommendations based upon the Community Levels where individuals live, work, and attend school. **The [community level](#) for Iowa County will be reviewed by the school district every Friday.** Masks will be required during school hours for all district buildings when Iowa County is at the **[high level](#)**. This policy will be reviewed if the CDC guidance changes or per discretion of the school board.