



Fall 2021 COVID Protocol

In planning for the fall, we will continue to adhere to guidance from DESE, local boards of health, and the CDC. More information will follow in the coming weeks. On July 30, 2021, the following guidelines were outlined from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.:

Mask guidance:

- This fall, DESE and DPH strongly recommend that all students in kindergarten through grade 6 wear masks when indoors, except students who cannot do so due to medical conditions or behavioral needs. Masks are not necessary outdoors and may be removed while eating indoors.
- DESE and DPH also strongly recommend that unvaccinated staff in all grades, unvaccinated students in grades 7 and above, and unvaccinated visitors wear masks indoors, in alignment with the statewide advisory on masking.
- DESE and DPH recommend that schools allow vaccinated students to remain unmasked.
- Any individual at higher risk for severe disease from COVID or with a household member who is at high risk is encouraged to mask regardless of vaccination status consistent with the updated DPH Advisory on Face Coverings and Masks.
- Any child or family who prefers to mask at school should be supported in this choice.
- By federal public health order, all students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses at this time.
- All staff and students must wear masks while in school health offices.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine Protocol:

DESE and the DPH will soon release the new version of "Protocols for responding to COVID-19 Scenarios". We will review these protocols and adhere to the protocols according to our district/school needs. This information will be passed along as soon as it is received.