



2021-2022 COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

COVID-19 LESSONS

After navigating the 2020-2021 school year in the midst of a pandemic, we know these practices will serve us well:



Hand Washing

Proper hand washing and sanitizing limits the spread of COVID-19



Vaccination

Being vaccinated is recommended in order to protect oneself and others



Social Distancing

Creating small, consistent groups slows the spread of COVID-19



Stay Home

It is critical to monitor health and stay home when ill



COVID-19 Testing

Testing is reliable and sites are conveniently located throughout the county



Divided Clinics

Separating students who have a fever protects healthy students

PROTOCOLS

These protocols were developed in consultation with our local Department of Health and are subject to change. In the event of small outbreaks of positive COVID-19 cases, schools will follow direction of the county health officer should more stringent protocols be temporarily needed.

Masks and Face Coverings

- According to Indiana Department of Health guidelines, masks are recommended indoors for all individuals regardless of their vaccination status.
- DCSC recommends, but does not require, the proper use of face coverings for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- Per federal mandate, masks are required on school buses for all individuals regardless of their vaccination status.
- Should we experience a spike in COVID-19 cases, local health authorities have the discretion to require the wearing of masks at the classroom, school or district level.

Quarantines

- DCSC will conduct contact tracing in similar fashion to the 2020-2021 school year.
- All individuals within 6-feet of a positive case will be notified. Non-symptomatic individuals within the 6-foot range will have the option to quarantine if they wish to do so. Parents and guardians choosing to quarantine their child must contact the school directly.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 or have COVID-19 symptoms are required to quarantine in accordance with health department guidelines.
- Each situation is unique and some circumstances may result in a more stringent response.

Classrooms and Halls

- Social distancing of at least 3-feet will continue at all schools when practicable.
- Locker use will resume.
- Small group learning may resume in cohort groups with 3-feet social distancing when practicable.

Cafeterias

- All grades will continue to practice social distancing during lunch.
- Safety practices, such as single serve items, will continue in all school cafeterias.
- Visitors will not be allowed for lunch.

Transportation

- Masks are required on school buses regardless of vaccination status, per federal mandate.
- Assigned seating will continue on school buses for contact tracing purposes.

Offices, Visitors and Volunteers

- Plexiglass will remain in front offices.
- Visitors may enter the front office only. Masks are recommended for all visitors.
- Volunteers serving in an ongoing capacity may be approved by the building principal. Masks are recommended for all volunteers.
- Case conferences may be held in person as needed. Masks are recommended for all participants.

Extracurriculars and Events

- Extracurricular clubs and field trips will follow the same guidelines as the classroom setting.
- Field trip sponsors will cohort student groups and maintain seating charts.
- Large group gatherings may resume subject to county health limits on size.
- School events may be held at the discretion of the building principal.