

Mask Requirements

- Face coverings will be required indoors and on busses by all students, staff members, and visitors during the school day when physical distancing of 6ft cannot be achieved; the exception will be those that have a Dr. approved medical condition that doesn't allow them to wear a mask.
- The District will utilize the data located at <https://achi.net/covid19/>, to determine when the District will be able to allow face coverings to be optional.
- When the COVID infection rates average 0-9 new known infections for two weeks (color of Green inside our school district lines), the District may recommend face coverings to become optional. We will try and have a Special School Board meeting to amend masks as soon as possible, and an announcement will be made making masks optional. Depending on timing, this could also be a Regular School Board Meeting. Until that announcement, mask requirements will still be in place.
- Mask requirements may be reinstated after being lifted at any point during the 2021-22 school year. Again, an announcement will be made after a Special/Regular School Board meeting announcing the switch.
- In the event that The Governor lifts the public emergency, or if Act 1002 is reinstated, face coverings will again become optional.
- Mask requirements will be re-visited at each regularly scheduled School Board meeting monitoring the current situation for that time.

What will this look like?

- Sanitation stations will be located throughout the campuses and frequent hand washing is encouraged.
- Students will be screened before entering buildings daily like we did last school year.
- Masks need to worn when entering a bus and may be removed after exiting the bus. Bus drivers will assign seats.
- In the classrooms/PE gyms, when a teacher deems that there is sufficient physical distancing of 6ft, the teacher will allow masks to be removed.
- In classrooms where 6ft of physical distancing cannot be maintained, students will be placed 3ft apart to the best that our space allows and masks will stay on.
- Masks will need to be worn in the hallways when 6ft cannot be maintained.

Yellow highlight removed from Policy 10/14/21 Board Meeting

- In cafeterias during meal times, if not eating and 6ft of physical distancing cannot be maintained, masks will be worn.
- Masks do not have to be worn outside of the buildings, they are encouraged and optional.
- Currently, there is no capacity limits on Outdoor Sporting events. Social distancing and wearing of masks is optional and encouraged.

Helpful Information

- Proper wearing of a mask is above the nose and below the chin.
- If your student(s) need another mask, ask for one and we will do our best to get them a new one if it is available.
- Fully-vaccinated students or staff do not need to quarantine if deemed close contacts, unless they have/develop symptoms. Proof of vaccination status can be verified by the school nurse. This process may take a little while to solve, so please be patient through the process.
- The CDC defines a close contact as an individual confirmed to have been within six feet for 15 cumulative minutes or longer within a 24-hour period during the infectious period of a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.
 - Individuals who have previously tested positive for COVID-19 and recovered and who are subsequently exposed to someone with COVID-19 within three months of their original diagnosis do not have to stay at home or get tested again, as long as they do not develop new symptoms. Individuals who develop symptoms again within three months of their first instance of COVID-19 should see their physician as they may need to be tested again if there is no other cause identified for their symptoms. This will also have to be verified other than a verbal and may take a little time. (We are also looking into another possible way of not having to quarantine.)
 - Individuals exposed to a confirmed case of COVID-19 will not need to be quarantined if they have no symptoms and both the infected and exposed individual consistently and correctly were wearing a mask.

Keep checking our website – there may be updates and some information might change due to those updates.