

# UPDATED: COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

The following protocols are the practices we will continue to use for the 2021-22 school year.

**These guidelines are subject to change based on recommendations from the Marion County Public Health Department.**

## MASK/FACE COVERING



**Grades K-12: Masks are recommended inside of schools. However, all bus riders are required to wear masks on buses, according to a federal mandate.**

**Note:** It is recommended that all students, including car riders, bring a mask to school every day in case their parent/guardian instructs them to ride the bus due to unexpected circumstances.

## POSITIVITY RATES

**3%** AT A 3 % COVID-19 POSITIVITY RATE - Students in the affected building will be required to wear masks for 14 days.

**10%** AT A 10 % COVID-19 POSITIVITY RATE - Students (grades 9-12 only) in the affected building will move to the Hybrid Schedule and alternate in-person classes and remote instruction for 14 days.

**13%** AT A 13 % COVID-19 POSITIVITY RATE - Students (grades K-12) in the affected building will transition to remote learning for 14 days.

Check your school's COVID-19 positivity rate by going online to the building website and selecting recent news. Positivity rates will be posted by the end of the day each Friday and reflect a rolling 7-day period. Principals will no longer send messages to report positive cases to the entire school.

## CONTACT TRACING



Contact tracing will continue and close contacts will be notified if they are required to quarantine. As a reminder close contact is defined as contact within three feet for 15 minutes or more. **However, students who are masked will not be notified or required to quarantine per CDC recommendation.**

## SYMPTOM SCREENING



Students who have two or more of the symptoms listed on the Indiana Department of Health COVID-19 Parent Screening Guide (below) must quarantine at home for 10 days.

Students who receive negative Covid test results can return after symptoms have shown improvement for 24 hours. **Note:** Covid tests must be administered by a healthcare professional. Home Covid test results will not be accepted.

If a student receives an alternate diagnosis, they may be able to return to school sooner after providing a note from their doctor.



## VACCINATION

While vaccines are not required, being vaccinated is one way to protect oneself and others from COVID-19.

# COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:



FEVER 100.4\* OR CHILLS

*\*or school board policy  
if threshold is lower*



SORE THROAT



COUGH\* OR SHORTNESS  
OF BREATH

*\*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough*



DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR  
VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN




HEADACHE\*

*\*particularly new onset of severe  
headache, especially with fever*



NEW LOSS OF TASTE  
OR SMELL

*\*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.*

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
  - 2 Were you in close contact (3 feet for 15 consecutive minutes or more) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
  - 3 If the answer is YES to any of the questions, DO NOT send your student to school. Instead, begin isolation of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Have you been tested for COVID-19? Only a positive test or provider diagnosis can confirm if someone has a current infection.
  - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria.
-  *If you have trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face*

**CALL 911!**