



# Madison Consolidated Schools COVID-19 UPDATE

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MCS follows guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, the Indiana State Department of Health, the Jefferson County Department of Health, and the Indiana Department of Education. Information regarding COVID-19 has been fluid and guidance continues to change. The contents of this document may be updated frequently.

## FACE COVERINGS

- Masks are mandatory for all students, staff, and volunteers within the buildings at all times; regardless of vaccination status.
- Depending upon the venue, masks for visitors/patrons may be recommended or required, and capacity will be limited based upon county color status. The smaller the venue, the fewer patrons permitted as status gets to Orange/Red status.
- If individuals are outside and can maintain 6 feet of physical distance, masks may be removed.
- Masks are required on the school bus in accordance with the federal mandate.
- Face Shields may be worn **in addition** to a mask, but do NOT fulfill the mask requirement when worn alone.
- If wearing a mask has been deemed a hazard to your health, please contact your physician and obtain a doctor's order. Documentation must be provided to wear a face shield in place of a mask.
- Students who wear face shields will not be exempt from quarantine. If a student wearing a face shield tests positive for COVID-19, every student within a 6-foot radius must quarantine.
- Exemptions and reasonable accommodations will be made in accordance with [CDC Guidelines](#).

## ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE GUIDELINES (per 12/27/21 CDC guidelines)

### If student or staff **tests positive** (Isolation):

- Stay home for 5 days
- Return to school on day 6 if asymptomatic or if symptoms are resolving
- Continue to mask for 5 days in the classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times, must remain isolated at home for a full 10 days).
  - Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and other symptoms improving
- Can resume extracurricular activities on day 6 if able to wear a mask at all times (including while actively performing or actively playing) on days 6-10 **and** be cleared by a physician.
- The student will report to the nurse's office upon arrival at school on Day 6 for a symptom screening exam.
- Accommodations will be made during lunch time to allow for physical distancing.

### If student or staff is **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 **in the classroom** (when ALL are masked):

- Close contact is defined as any individual within 3 feet of the positive person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more
- As long as they are asymptomatic, they do NOT have to quarantine
- Test on day 5, if possible
- May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask at all times when able (while **not** actively participating during sporting activity) for the full 10 days
- If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

**If student or staff is **exposed** to someone with COVID-19 **outside of the classroom**, including home contacts:**

- In a setting where **anyone is unmasked**, a close contact is defined as any individual within 6 feet of the positive person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more.
- Non-classroom is defined as breakfast/lunch, indoor recess, athletics, extracurricular activities, classes where students are not masked, on or off school grounds.
- If students remove their masks for any reason in the classroom setting such as "mask breaks" or "snack time," the unmasked protocol guidance will be followed for contact tracing and quarantine purposes.

**If fully vaccinated as defined by CDC:**

- As long as they remain asymptomatic, they may remain in school.
- Test on day 5, if possible.
- May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask properly at all times when able (while not actively performing or actively playing your sporting activity) for 10 days.
- If symptoms develop, stay home and get a test. If positive, follow isolation guidelines. If negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

**If unvaccinated or partially vaccinated:**

- Stay home for 5 days; test on Day 5 if possible.
  - Return to class on Day 6 if asymptomatic. Continue to mask for Days 6-10.
  - No extracurricular activities for 5 days of home quarantine. May resume on Day 6 only if able to wear a mask at all times (**including** while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for days 6-10.
  - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If the test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
- Fully Vaccinated individuals DO NOT NEED TO QUARANTINE in any situation unless they become symptomatic.
  - Individuals with documentation of a positive COVID-19 test in the past 90 days may be exempt from quarantine

## **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

### **HOME TESTS**

- Following the guidance of the Indiana Department of Health, MCS will **NOT accept or act on any results of in-home tests (positive or negative)**.
- Anyone who has a positive home test should isolate and seek testing at a clinical site
  - If positive, that test will be entered into the system, included in the case count and contact traced.
  - Students must provide documentation of a positive test to qualify for the 90-day quarantine exemption

### **VACCINATION**

- Pfizer vaccine is approved for ages 5 and up. Click [here](#) HERE for vaccination information and to schedule an appointment.
- If your student is vaccinated, please submit documentation to your school nurse. If you do not have documentation, we can verify your student's vaccination status through CHIRP. Please alert your school nurse to verify documentation.

### **EXTENDED QUARANTINE FOR HOUSEHOLD MEMBERS**

- [COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation](#) - Includes FAQ and clarification for household contacts. If separation of the person with COVID-19 from others in the home is not possible, the other members of the household will have *ongoing* exposure, meaning they will be repeatedly exposed until that person is no longer able to spread the virus to other people.
- People with COVID-19 can spread the virus to other people for 10 days after they develop symptoms, or 10 days from the date of their positive test if they do not have symptoms.
- The household members will begin their quarantine after the positive person's isolation period. Please contact your school nurse for help with your quarantine dates.

### **COVID-19 RESOURCES AND INFORMATION LINKS**

- [ISDH - Novel Coronavirus: COVID-19 Testing Information](#) Click this link to locate a testing site, register for testing, and view your COVID-19 results.
- [Wear a mask. Stay in school.](#)
- [ISDH - Novel Coronavirus: Public Resources](#):
  - "Back-to-School Resources" is the first tab under Public Resources
  - We update our resources as quickly as we can. Most resources are readily available there. For answers to questions, you cannot find on the website.
  - If parents or other individuals need to ask a question or speak to someone, please provide the BackToSchool phone line (800-745-7487) or refer them to 211.
  - For vaccine/testing, questions call 211
- [COVID-19 Our Shot Map](#)