

Metropolitan School District of North Posey

COVID-19 Plan: 2021 - 2022

Process of Development of COVID-19 Plan

The Metropolitan School District of North Posey partnered with the Posey County Health Department and the Metropolitan School District of Mt. Vernon to develop a cohesive plan to address the spread and impact of COVID-19 and additional variants for the 2021-2022 school year. The guidelines provided may be altered or changed dependent upon the rate of spread of the COVID-19 or specific variants during the school year. The goal of both school districts and the Posey County Health Department is to provide students with a safe and optimal learning experience.



Restrictions

- **Per CDC order, individuals are required to wear masks on public transportation, including school buses, even if fully vaccinated. All students and staff will be required to wear a mask to and from school, all field trips, and for all extracurricular activities. School bus drivers and extracurricular sponsors will have masks to provide to students if they do not board the bus with a mask. Noncompliance with this CDC order may result in the loss riding privileges until the order is followed.**

Routine Measures within Schools

- As previously shared with parents and guardians, please do not send your child to school if they are demonstrating any symptoms or running a fever.
- All students will attend in-person daily. Virtual school will not be offered during the 2021-2022 school year.
- Masks will be optional for all students and staff during regular school hours. If a school attains 5% of the student body testing positive for COVID-19 or a variant, masks may be implemented. If a school attains 10% of the student body testing positive for COVID-19 or a variant, the school may implement virtual instruction.
- Partitions located in the cafeteria and classrooms have been removed permitting students to interact socially. Students will be permitted to participate in small groups during instructional time. Water fountains will also be available again this year.
- Students will be available to attend field trips this year based upon venue and location.
- Our custodial staff will continue heightened cleaning procedures within all facilities and school buses.
- All athletes will be temperature checked at the beginning of all practices and games to reduce the spread and impact of viruses.
- We will continue to limit the number of visitors within the school to reduce any possible impact of viruses. Visitors are permitted if a previous appointment is made with the principal and/or teacher. We plan to hold in-person events/sporting activities this year at full capacity.

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Guidelines for Unvaccinated Staff and Students

- Although masks are optional for North Posey staff and students, the Indiana Health Department recommends masks indoors for unvaccinated staff and students.
- If staff and students are masked, a social distance of 3 feet is recommended. Unmasked individuals are recommended 6 feet social distance.
- The school nurse will access the Indiana state CHIRP system to determine vaccination status of students. Quarantine is **required** if an unvaccinated individual has a close contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19 or variants.
- Unvaccinated students who are identified as a close contact will quarantine for 10 days. Close contacts who do not show symptoms may return on day 8 with negative testing and are masked. They may also return on day 15 without testing or precautions.
- An alternate classroom experience will be provided for all quarantined students. Students and parents/guardians will receive more specific details from teachers if this occurs.

Guidelines for Vaccinated Staff and Students

- Although masks are optional for North Posey staff and students, the Indiana Health Department states masks are not necessary for unvaccinated staff and students.
- Vaccinated staff and students are encouraged to use good judgement on social distancing.
- The school nurse will access the Indiana state CHIRP system to determine vaccination status of students. No quarantine is needed if identified as a close contact. The individual should monitor for symptoms and quarantine if needed.

Future Guidance

These guidelines may be changed at any time due to federal, state, or local mandates or orders. Staff, students, and parents will be notified prior to the implementation of new guidelines if needed.

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