



COVID-19 Frequently Asked Questions 2021-2022 School Year

Our top priority is to keep students and staff safe while providing the opportunity for all students to learn in person every day for the duration of the school year. The information presented below will continue to be evaluated as new information and recommendations are provided by national, state and local authorities.

- **Are face masks required in school for staff and students?**
 - Per the passage of a Troy Board of Education resolution on Sept. 13, 2021, face masks currently are required for all students and staff any time they are not properly socially distanced from other students and/or staff members. We will continue to review this policy and make adjustments as necessary.

- **Are there medical and/or religious exemptions for face mask usage?**
 - Yes. For more information, click [HERE](#)

- **Are face masks required on buses?**
 - Yes. The CDC has issued an order that face masks are required on all public transportation, including school buses. The CDC has the authority to issue such orders under the Public Health Services Act, regardless of state regulations.

- **When should my child stay home from school?**
 - Staying home when not feeling well is an important measure that helps prevent the spread of COVID-19 and other illnesses like the flu. Here are a list of symptoms that should cause you to seek medical advice and/or keep your child at home:
 - Fever or chills
 - Muscle or body aches
 - Fatigue
 - Sore throat
 - Cough
 - Difficulty breathing
 - Diarrhea or vomiting

- New loss of taste or smell
- New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever

- **Is social distancing required in schools?**
 - Social distancing will be encouraged as much as possible within the confines of the space in our buildings and we will strive to achieve at least three feet between desks.
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- **Will there be open houses and parent-teacher conferences?**
 - Yes. We will provide an option for in-person or virtual conferences and each building will be providing their own version of an open house.
- **Are visitors permitted in schools?**
 - Visitors will be permitted in a limited capacity. All visitors should check with building principals for more information as needed.
- **Will field trips be permitted?**
 - Yes. We are able to resume field trips at this time and they remain at the discretion of the building principals.
- **Are there limits on the number of fans permitted at sporting events? Will face masks be required at sporting events?**
 - No. There are currently no limits on fan attendance.
 - Face masks are strongly encouraged, particularly for our students, but will not be required at sporting events. Sporting events are voluntary activities in which students may participate.
- **Are students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 required to isolate?**
 - Yes. Students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 must continue to follow isolation guidelines and may not attend school or related activities.
- **Do students and staff still have to quarantine if they are a close contact of someone who tests positive for COVID-19?**
 - Vaccinated individuals who have been in close contact with someone who has tested positive, can avoid quarantine by wearing a mask for 14 days or until they receive a negative viral test performed at least 3 days after exposure.
 - Unvaccinated and unmasked individuals within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more are required to follow quarantine guidelines.
 - Unvaccinated but masked individuals within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more are required to follow quarantine guidelines.

- **What other mitigation efforts are in place?**
 - We continue to clean high touch surfaces frequently. We have also applied disinfecting and viral prevention products to classroom and bus surfaces.
 - We also continue to emphasize hand washing, hand sanitizing and good hygiene practices to reduce the spread.

- **If someone can show that they tested positive for COVID-19 within the past three months but no longer have to isolate, do they still need to quarantine?**
 - If someone has tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 3 months and are out of isolation then they would NOT need to quarantine unless they were to develop symptoms. It would be strongly recommended for them to wear a mask for the full 14 days. Students would have to provide proof of a positive diagnoses test date.

- **If someone can provide documentation that they have antibodies or an antigen test do they still have to quarantine?**
 - The antibody test will not get anyone out of quarantine. The test does not let us know when they had the infection only that they had it at one point.
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