

MIDLAND CSD

Return to Learning vol. 2



COVID-19 EXPOSURE MITIGATION GUIDELINES

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FACE MASKS

Due to Iowa HF 847, signed by Governor Reynolds on May 20, 2021, a school district is prohibited from adopting or enforcing a policy that requires employees, students, or the public to wear a mask while on school property. As such, masks must be optional for students, teachers, and visitors.

While masks are not mandatory in Iowa public schools, Midland CSD strongly encourages people to consider the guidance from public health experts and make decisions that are best for their families and our community.

Due to Federal Law (February, 2021), students and staff riding in Midland CSD busses/vans/vehicles must wear a mask.

- A mask will be provided to students who don't have a mask.
- Students should use hand sanitizer when boarding and leaving the bus.

CONTACT TRACING

Due to federal privacy laws, we must protect the identity of anyone diagnosed with COVID-19. When a staff member or a student in a school is diagnosed with COVID-19, a notification will be made to all staff and families in that school in order for others to more closely monitor themselves for symptoms of COVID-19 and to stay home if symptoms develop.

QUARANTINE AND ISOLATION

Parents/guardians of exposed students will determine if their child will quarantine for 14 days to monitor for development of symptoms. If parents/guardians choose not to have their child quarantine for 14 days, students may attend school and extracurricular activities, as long as they remain SYMPTOM FREE. Students who develop symptoms of illness, or test positive for COVID-19, will isolate at home for 10 days and may return to school/activities on Day 11.

Please know, all of our mitigation plans and procedures are subject to change based on new legislation and guidance from IDPH or the CDC.



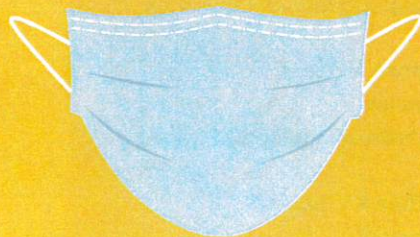
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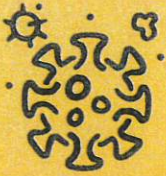
School Day:

- Buildings are open to the public. Masks are optional, but recommended for visitors.
- "Everyday" school structure in place.
- Meal time procedures will return to normal in addition to seating arrangements.
- Social Distancing will be encouraged when and where possible.
- Teacher conferences will be conducted in person with virtual options available.
- Back to School Night will be in person.
- Food/snacks are allowed according to regular building procedures.
- Students should wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer.
- Open houses can be conducted.
- Athletics/activities will be conducted according to State association/IDPH guidelines.

Events:

- All events may be conducted as usual, both indoors and outdoors.
- Currently, there are no capacity limits.
- Families/Visitors are recommended to wear a mask during indoor events, but it is not required.





COVID-19 FAQ

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ON OUR RETRURN TO LEARN PLAN:

UPDATED AUGUST 18TH, 2021

- **Q- Why does my child need to wear a mask on the bus?**
 - **A-** Due to the federal mandate put in place by the CDC that was recently extended through 2022, we are required to wear masks on our school busses.
- **Q- Can my child take their mask off on the bus?**
 - **A-** Yes, there are certain situations outlined by the CDC wear a student or staff member can take off their mask while riding on distict owned transportation. These are taken straight from the CDC guidance.
 - while eating, drinking, or taking medication for brief periods of time;
 - while communicating for brief periods of time with a person who is hearing impaired when the ability to see the mouth is essential for communication;
 - if unconscious (for reasons other than sleeping), incapacitated, unable to be awakened, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance;
 - when experiencing difficulty breathing or shortness of breath or feeling winded, until able to resume normal breathing with the mask; when vomiting until vomiting ceases; or if wearing a mask interferes with necessary medical care such as supplemental oxygen administered via an oxygen mask.
 - **All of the above reasons still require students to have a mask that they can wear, if they do not have one, one will be provided for them.**
- **Q- If my child is vaccinated do they still need to wear a mask.**
 - **A-** Yes. While vaccination has proven to be the most effective means of combatting covid-19, we still have a significant part of our student body that is unable to obtain the vaccine. With school busses being a primary location for students to intermix in a confined area, all passengers are required to wear masks following the CDC mandate.
- **Q- So does my student need to wear a mask anywhere else?**
 - **A-** While it is highly recommended that everyone (vaccinated or unvaccinated) wear a mask indoors, this is still up to the family to decide outside of our **school vehicles**.
- **Q- Is the district contact tracing?**
 - **A-** While we do not have as much support to help contact trace as last year, we do still believe in attempting to contact trace students that may have been in close contact with a student or staff member that has contracted covid-19. If we are able to deem your student as a close contact, we will notify you in addition to the building notification that will go out when we know of a confirmed case.
- **Q- What else is the district doing to protect our students?**
 - **A-** The district is constatntly working with public health, as well as CDC and IDPH guidance to put in place what we are legally able to. We are continuing our strict cleaning procedures and adding the use of electrostatic sprayers to ensure that we can sanitize our classrooms and common areas more efficiently and effectively. We are also doing our best to social distance in the classrooms, utilize barriers where appropriate, and having students and staff wash their hands and sanitize regularly. This will continue to be monitored and adjustments will be made as needed.
- **Q- What are the district's plans if we were to reach a high level of positivity within a school or district?**
 - **A-** We are working to put together these plans as we speak and will be updating this document and communicating this out when it is ready!

