

# Madison Public Schools

## Reopening Plan Addendum Winter 2021/22



**NOTE:** *The contents of this plan are proposed and could be impacted based on various factors and conditions such as: the CT State Department of Education acceptance and feedback; CDC guidelines, impact of supply chains; responses to state and national conditions; and/or changes in available staffing.*

## 7-Day Quarantine

The District now follows a 7-day quarantine for unvaccinated individuals. The 7-day quarantine period provides any student or staff member who is symptom free and receives a negative test result on day 5 or later of the quarantine the ability to return to school on day 8. The relevant school nurse must be in receipt of the negative PCR test result before the student or staff member can return to school. Any individual who chooses not to test will quarantine for 10 days.

Students and staff who are fully vaccinated and asymptomatic do not need to quarantine. If your student(s) are fully vaccinated, we ask that you share that information with your school nurse. Proof of vaccination should be submitted to your medical provider to be added to the student's official immunization record. Once that has been completed, the pediatrician can then forward the updated immunization record to our health offices. If you are experiencing difficulties sharing this information through your pediatrician, we ask that you share directly with the school nurse.

## Contact Tracing

For the 2021-2022 school year, the district will use the following close contact definition: A close contact is generally defined as a student within three feet of another infected student for more than 15 minutes cumulatively. Per CDC guidance, the three feet rule **only** applies to when students are seated in the classroom - in any other situations such as in PE, recess, or riding the bus the six foot rule applies. In addition, the close contact definition will remain at six feet for contact between staff and between staff and students.

## Lunch Service at Polson Middle School and Daniel Hand High School

Students eat in the cafeteria and table dividers are optional. The plan will continue to be adjusted as needed.

## Winter Sports

The DPH and the CIAC have issued revised guidance for the operation of winter sports during the 2021-2022 season. These rules are subject to change in accordance with developing COVID-19 health metrics, but now state that, after December 23, 2021, fully vaccinated student-athletes may remove their masks during periods of active competition against other schools or opponents. Student-athletes wishing to avail themselves of this new protocol can only do so upon providing proof of their COVID-19 vaccination status.

The District and CIAC maintain a 14 day quarantine for a return to athletics. Those student athletes wishing to return early from quarantine to athletics may test on day 8 and return to play on day 11. The relevant school nurse must be in receipt of the negative PCR test result before the student can return to play.