



Adjusted COVID Protocol Expectations 2021-2022

Masks:

- In Fountain: Masks are strongly encouraged, but not required for staff or students in buildings or outside.
- On Fort Carson: Per [Department of Defense memorandum](#) issued in July 2021, masks are required for all students and staff inside schools on Fort Carson. Masks are not required outdoors.
- Masks are required on school buses, [per federal order](#) issued in June 2021.
- Masks are available at each building to support staff and/or students who would like to wear a mask.

Social Distancing, Cohorts and Meetings:

- Social distancing (3 – 6 feet) is encouraged when possible.
- Maintaining small student groups is encouraged.
- No limit to the number of individuals in a meeting space; however, staff will be thoughtful about spacing and being able to identify close contacts if necessary.
- No limit on class size; however encourage 25 – 30 as much as possible.
- Seating charts for students must be maintained to determine close contacts to include buses.

Quarantine:

- Unvaccinated individuals must quarantine for 7 days if confirmed as a close contact of a positive COVID case. Individuals can be given a BinaxNOW rapid test on day 7 and return to school/work if negative and no symptoms. Individuals who do not want to be tested need to complete a 10-day quarantine.
- Vaccinated individuals do not have to quarantine unless they are showing symptoms after direct exposure.
- Positive COVID cases must isolate for 10 days.
- The district will move to traditional “Exclusion” practices, similar to responding to other infectious diseases.

Additional Information:

- Handwashing, or use of sanitizer, is expected for all students and staff regularly.
- Health Screenings are not required for staff or students.
- The District will report positive student and staff COVID PCR tests, per current El Paso County Public Health guidelines.
 - Student and staff cases will be reported by the nurse to Dr. Montina Romero, Deputy Superintendent.
 - Staff cases will be reported by the building administrator to Mr. Joel Hamilton or Mrs. Melissa Patterson in Human Resources for absence tracking.