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Marshall County Schools

COVID-19 Plan

2022-2023 School Year



Please understand this plan will need to be adjusted based on changing conditions or updates in expectations/guidelines from local, state, and federal agencies.

Marshall County Schools Covid Protocol

LOW	MEDIUM	HIGH
Baseline prevention strategies	Localized and targeted mitigation	Most layered prevention strategies
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Targeted mask use following at-school exposures. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Targeted mask use following at-school exposures. Consider universal masking for all students and staff. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. Cohort classrooms and limit mixing between students, where possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stay up to date with vaccinations. Stay home when sick. 5-day isolation + 5-day masking for individuals with COVID-19. Universal masking for all students and staff indoors and on buses. Promote testing for sick or exposed persons. Cohort classrooms, limit mixing between students, where possible. Limit large gatherings and activities Consider physical distancing of >3ft.

Educational Setting

- Students benefit from in-person learning and being able to continue in-person instruction in the 2022-2023 school year is a top priority.
- Marshall County School District will serve students in-person instruction 5 days per week at all schools.
- Marshall County School District will monitor community transmission, outbreaks, and trends with the assistance of the Marshall County Health Department.
- Marshall County School District requests that students, teachers, and staff stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Marshall County School District requests that students, teachers, and staff who test positive for COVID-19 report the positive test results as soon as possible to the Marshall County School District.

Social Distancing

Low or **Medium**: Physical distancing is not routinely recommended. Distancing could be considered after COVID-19 exposures, during outbreaks, or for high risk persons.

High: When possible, schools will increase space between students by rearranging seating to maximize space between students to be three feet or greater. If physical space does not allow for spacing students’ desks to three feet, desks/tables will be spaced as far away as possible.

Face Coverings

Low or **Medium**: Targeted use of well-fitting high-quality masks should be considered during early return from isolation from an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19 or during clusters or outbreaks in specific areas (classroom, grade, school, etc). *Any individual who would want to wear a face covering for personal health reasons is encouraged to do so.

High: Consider universal masking for all persons 2 years of age or older while indoors in all classroom and non-classroom settings, including buses, unless otherwise exempted, regardless of vaccination status.

Exposures and Quarantine Protocol

All Levels: Contact tracing following a school exposure to COVID-19 is not expected. Where feasible, schools should notify families and staff where a known exposure to COVID-19 occurs in the classroom or school setting.

Everyone who is known to have had close contact to a person with COVID-19 is recommended to be tested 5 or more days after exposure.

Quarantine is not routinely recommended following exposures to COVID-19 for people without symptoms.

Targeted use of well-fitting masks for 5 days should be encouraged when COVID-19 clusters or outbreaks occur in classrooms or school settings.

Other Health and Safety Protocols:

- Marshall County Schools District will continue with daily cleaning and sanitizing.
- Hand sanitizing stations will be located at various locations throughout the schools
- All individuals will be asked to follow normal preventative measures while at home and at school, including cleaning hands and avoiding touching eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands. Encourage these practices at home.
- Marshall County School District will maintain communication with the Marshall County Health Department.

Social/Emotional/Mental Health/Other Needs

Services will be offered as needed upon parental contact made to the school(s).