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Dear Mahwah School Community,

In our school district thus far, we have already offered voluntary on-site COVID-19 testing to our staff members on Tuesdays and Fridays, for those employees who may need a COVID-19 test for any reason.

Beginning on Friday, May 6, 2022, on-site testing will be available on Tuesdays AND Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to all students, as well.

The process by which testing will take place will be approximately one (1) minute for each person, as participants become accustomed to this collection process, and results typically take 48-72 hours to process. Attached to this e-mail is information related to this saliva-based (saliva spit) testing.

Participating in testing is completely voluntary.

Students and families are free to select this as a testing option.

For those parents or guardians who would like their child to participate in any on-site testing day, please briefly fill out the consent form with your permission to perform a COVID-19 PCR test for your student and create an account for your child that is specific to Mahwah Township Public Schools. The creation of this account only needs to take place once. This process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete, using a computer or a smartphone device.

A parent/guardian must be in attendance if they wish for their child to be tested on site, and no student will be tested without a parent present.

This should be done prior to your first testing date, and will allow for your child's weekly test results to be collected and reviewed swiftly, as needed, whenever you take advantage of this weekly service:

- [Link to create account](#)
- **Access Code:** GXF78M
 - o Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!

Note: If you need to provide consent for more than one child, please complete the process once for each child separately.

If you should have any questions, please reach out to your school nurse.

On-site testing will take place at Mahwah High School's trainer's room, which is accessible from the front-right of the building (Door 43). Please see image attached.

As you drive up to Mahwah High School, for ease of access, we will allow for you to park at the curb and enter directly into the trainer's room. After entering the building, an on-site representative will be available to assist you through the testing and collection process. Testing results will be accessible through the Concentric by Bioworks [online portal](#).

Please reference images attached to this e-mail for further clarification related to the logistics on testing location.

Regards,

The Mahwah Administrative Team

HIGH transmission rate

Quarantine/Isolation Status Update

December 2021

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully vaccinated*	COVID-19 <u>positive test</u>	Isolate for 10 days. Monitor for symptoms.
Fully vaccinated*	Close contact	Remaining asymptomatic, <u>no quarantine is required except if symptomatic</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative
Fully vaccinated*	Awaiting COVID-19 test results not due to personal illness	May attend school and report to work.
Fully vaccinated*	Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive	Remaining asymptomatic, <u>no quarantine is required</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative

Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	Close contact	Quarantine not required.
Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	COVID-19 positive test	Not required to quarantine except if symptomatic.
Fully vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing 2 or more symptoms and not identified as a close contact	Remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever free and without fever reducing medication
Fully vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing symptoms and identified as a close contact	<p>Remain home until test results received</p> <p>Positive test must isolate for 10 days</p> <p>Negative test- remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication</p>

Previously reported positive greater than past three months	Close contact	14 days quarantine There is no testing to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive	COVID positive without symptoms	10 days quarantine
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive	COVID positive with symptoms	10 days quarantine, symptoms free/fever free 24-hours prior to return
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously reported positive	Close contact	14 days quarantine There is no test to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)	Close contact	10 days without testing
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)	Close contact	24 day quarantine required. $10+14 = 24$ (continuous contact)

Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a symptomatic person	Residing with a person with symptoms	Exclude from school until the person with symptoms tests negative.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive with symptoms	Symptomatic and tested	Return after proof of negative PCR Positive PCR requires a 10 day quarantine from positive test taken and symptom free/fever free for 24 hours prior to return.
Unvaccinated and not previously reported positive with symptoms	Symptomatic and not tested	Isolate for 10 days and symptom free/fever free for 24 hours prior to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with someone awaiting a test	Residing with a person awaiting a COVID-19 test	Return to school after proof of a housemate's negative test.



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Dear Mahwah Families,

Happy 2022!

We are opening on Monday, January 3, 2022, with our regular schedules, all-in and all-day.

Our return to school this January includes renewed reminders that re-emphasizing layered protection remains the best way for our community to stay healthy and able to attend in-school learning.

- Over break, our facilities received their cleanings.
- Masking continues to be mandated.
- We will continue to address touch-point cleaning.
- We will continue to create opportunities for outside fresh air.
- We will continue to organize our environments for safe distancing.

In order for us to stay open and continue our in-person instruction, we all need to partner in this journey. We ask that children remain at home when they have cold or virus symptoms. We know that group gatherings over the break may have exposed students or staff to the virus and we recommend anyone feeling unwell to remain at home, test if possible, and discuss the medical status with your pediatrician, physician, and school nurse.

In the coming weeks, there may be circumstances in which your child's teacher will be educating the class via Zoom or we will creatively staff classrooms to maintain in-school learning. These strategies will be used as sparingly as possible to ensure our ability to continue in-school instruction, while staff may be impacted by way of quarantine or isolation protocols.

Additionally, should your child require to remain at home, please contact the school principal for assistance with long-term absences.

We look forward to a successful 2022 in the weeks and months ahead, and remember, we all remain in this together.

Sincerely,

The Mahwah Administrative Team

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September 14, 2021

Dear Parents and Staff,

This memo will update you on the manner with which the district will address student absences during the 2021-2022 school year including the short- and the long-term, as well as those absences related to quarantine.

We know from the Office of the Governor that our program requires students to be in school for learning during the 2021-2022 school year. Below is a brief table to assist you with information as to the way in which students will be educated when absent:

Situation	Description	Learning environment
Absence due to general sickness	Out of school for less than 10 consecutive days	Student is educated upon return to school
Absence due to travel	Out of school due to travel and while traveling	Student is educated upon return to school
Absence due to mandated travel quarantine*	After returning home from travel and while in a travel quarantine	Student is provided homebound instruction until able to be tested to return
Absence due to COVID positive test or close contact*	Home due to positive test or close contact including isolation or quarantine	Student is provided homebound instruction until able to return
Absence due to pre-existing or current long term medical condition documented and requested by a physician**	Student requires home instruction	Student is provided medically initiated and authorized home instruction

*Instruction that is provided to the students who are in quarantine or isolation due to travel, close contact or positive test, will be arranged with your building principal. Schooling may include some Zoom opportunities, or asynchronous handouts and materials with assignments. Arrangements for instruction may take up to 24 hours.

**Long-term absence due to a pre-existing condition or current long-term medical illness or condition will be processed via home instruction. The Mahwah Schools' physician will be required to authorize this placement. General education students on home instruction are entitled to 5 hours per week and special education students are entitled to up to 10 hours per week. Instruction will take place after school hours from a homebound instructor either in the home or via Zoom.

The school at which your child attends will be able to assist you with each individual circumstance. Please feel free to contact either the guidance staff or principal who will be able to specifically assist you.

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January 13, 2022

Dear Mahwah Families,

This notification reflects quarantine and isolation time changes for COVID positive and close contacts with a reduction to 5 days and return on day 6.

As per the most recent guidance, released by the CDC and, more recently, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), on January 12, 2022, for K-12 school settings. A more comprehensive table with all updates can be found here: [Comprehensive Quarantine/Isolation Status Update 1/12/21](#)

Masking:

As per the NJDOH, 1/10/22, "It is critical that people continue to wear well-fitting masks and take additional precautions for 5 days after leaving isolation or quarantine." The mask mandate, as ordered by Governor Murphy, remains in effect and is an essential component to the shortened isolation/quarantine time and a student's or staff member's return to school. In addition to regular mask use indoors at school, those **adults and students who are in days 6-10 after completing a 5-day isolation or quarantine, need to remain masked while outdoors during physical education with modification, recess, or participating in school sports.**

Vaccination Status:

The definition of "fully vaccinated" is everyone 5 years and older who receives their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, **except in cases of close contact - during which - those who are age 18 or older require their booster when eligible.** The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with vaccines, which includes additional doses.

Symptoms:

Parents should not send students to school when sick. For school settings, NJDOH recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose; OR
- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder

Our school nurses will assist you in the determination of your child's status as to being defined as asymptomatic, symptomatic, close contact, or otherwise needing to remain at home.

- Please do not attend school and stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.
- Continue to use masks in indoor settings - in and out of school.
- Get tested.
- Maintain contact with your physician regarding any medical questions.
- Contact your school nurse for guidance on district protocol.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
<p>Fully Vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive asymptomatic</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 full days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6.</p> <p>If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive and symptomatic</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6, if symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever-free and without fever-reducing medication.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated and previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months</p>	<p>Close contact or Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive</p>	<p><u>No quarantine is required.</u></p> <p><u>If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your school nurse.</u></p>

<p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>or</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>or</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>Not</u> previously reported positive</p> <p>or</p> <p>Previously reported positive greater than past three months</p>	<p>Close contact</p>	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>
<p>Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly-diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)</p>	<p>Close contact</p>	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>
<p>Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)</p>	<p>Unable to isolate while residing with a COVID positive household member</p>	<p>Complete a 10-day isolation period plus 5 additional days post isolation period.</p> <p>10 days + 5 days = 15 days</p>

<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>Experiencing COVID symptoms</p> <p>not identified as a close contact</p>	<p>Get tested and remain at home until test results are received.</p> <p><u>Untested</u> requires you to remain at home for 5 days with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p> <p>Symptoms must be subsiding and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication.</p> <p>Or an alternative illness diagnosed by a physician. Contact your school nurse for diagnosis-specific exclusions.</p> <p>(e.g., strep throat, flu, RSV)</p>
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January 13, 2022

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This communication clarifies the changes in isolation/quarantine time, as per the most recent guidance, released by the CDC and, more recently, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), as of January 12, 2022, for K-12 school settings. A more comprehensive table with all updates, inclusive of those previously communicated, can be found here: [Comprehensive Quarantine/Isolation Status Update 1/12/21](#)

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Vaccination Status:

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Symptoms:

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- Continue to use masks in indoor settings - in and out of school.
- Get tested.
- Maintain contact with your physician regarding any medical questions.
- Contact your school nurse for guidance on district protocol.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully Vaccinated* Previously Positive Unvaccinated Not fully vaccinated Not previously reported positive	COVID positive asymptomatic	Isolate for 5 full days. Day 0 is the day of the test. May return to school on day 6. If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.
Fully vaccinated* Previously Positive Unvaccinated Not fully vaccinated Not previously reported positive	COVID positive and symptomatic	Isolate for 5 days. Day 0 is the day of the test. May return to school on day 6, if symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever-free and without fever-reducing medication.
Fully vaccinated* and previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	Close contact or	<u>No quarantine is required.</u> <u>If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your school nurse.</u>

	Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive	
<p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>or</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>Not</u> previously reported positive</p> <p>or</p> <p>Previously reported positive greater than past three months</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>Not</u> previously reported positive</p> <p>or</p> <p>Previously reported positive greater than past three months</p>	Close contact	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>
<p>Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly-diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)</p>	Close contact	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>

<p>Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)</p>	<p>Unable to isolate while residing with a COVID positive household member</p>	<p>Complete a 10-day isolation period plus 5 additional days post isolation period.</p> <p>10 days + 5 days = 15 days</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated*</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>Experiencing COVID symptoms</p> <p>not identified as a close contact</p>	<p>Get tested and remain at home until test results are received.</p> <p><u>Untested</u> requires you to remain at home for 5 days with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p> <p>Symptoms must be subsiding and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication.</p> <p>Or an alternative illness diagnosed by a physician. Contact your school nurse for diagnosis-specific exclusions.</p> <p>(e.g., strep throat, flu, RSV)</p>

HIGH Transmission Rate

Quarantine/Isolation Status Update

December 2021

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Fully vaccinated*	Close contact	Remaining asymptomatic, <u>no quarantine is required except if symptomatic</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative
Fully vaccinated*	Awaiting COVID-19 test results not due to personal illness	May attend school and report to work.
Fully vaccinated*	Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive	Remaining asymptomatic, <u>no quarantine is required</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative

Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	Close contact	Quarantine not required.
Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	COVID-19 positive test	Not required to quarantine except if symptomatic.
Fully vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing 2 or more symptoms and not identified as a close contact	Remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever free and without fever reducing medication
Fully vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing symptoms and identified as a close contact	<p>Remain home until test results received</p> <p>Positive test must isolate for 10 days</p> <p>Negative test- remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication</p>

Previously reported positive greater than past three months	Close contact	14 days quarantine There is no testing to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive	COVID positive without symptoms	10 days quarantine
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive	COVID positive with symptoms	10 days quarantine, symptoms free/fever free 24-hours prior to return
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously reported positive	Close contact	14 days quarantine There is no test to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)	Close contact	14 days without testing
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)	Close contact	24-day quarantine required. $10+14 = 24$ (continuous contact)

Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a symptomatic person	Residing with a person with symptoms	Exclude from school until the person with symptoms tests negative.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive with symptoms	Symptomatic and tested	Return after proof of negative test Positive test requires a 10 day quarantine from positive test taken and symptom free/fever free for 24 hours prior to return.
Unvaccinated and not previously reported positive with symptoms	Symptomatic and not tested	Isolate for 10 days and symptom free/fever free for 24 hours prior to return
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with someone awaiting a test	Residing with a person awaiting a COVID-19 test	Return to school after proof of a housemate's negative test.



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Fully Vaccinated Partially Vaccinated Previously Positive Unvaccinated Not fully vaccinated	COVID positive asymptomatic	Isolate for 5 full days. Day 0 is the day of the test. May return to school on day 6. If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Not previously reported positive		
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Partially Vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive and symptomatic or</p> <p>Persons with COVID symptoms who weren't tested</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test or symptoms.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6, if symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever-free and without fever-reducing medication.</p>
Fully vaccinated and previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	<p>Close contact</p> <p>or</p> <p>Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive</p>	<p><u>No quarantine is required.</u></p> <p><u>If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your school nurse.</u></p>
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously reported positive with past three months</p>	<p>Awaiting COVID-19 test results not due to personal illness</p>	<p>May attend school and report to work.</p>

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<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>Experiencing COVID symptoms</p> <p>not identified as a close contact</p>	<p>Get tested and remain at home until test results are received.</p> <p>Untested requires you to remain at home for 5 days with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p> <p>Symptoms must be subsiding and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication.</p> <p>Or an alternative illness diagnosed by a physician. Contact your school nurse for diagnosis-specific exclusions.</p> <p>(e.g., strep throat, flu, RSV)</p>
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Status	Exposure	Outcome
Unvaccinated, not fully vaccinated, adult requiring a booster, not previously reported positive, or previously positive greater than three months- residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)	Unable to isolate while residing with a COVID positive household member	Complete a 10-day isolation period plus 5 additional days post isolation period. 10 days + 5 days = 15 days
Unvaccinated or not previously-reported positive, residing with a symptomatic person or person awaiting a test	Residing with a person with or without symptoms awaiting a COVID test result	Exclude from school until the person with symptoms tests negative. Positive test result requires an isolation/quarantine period.

Travel

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully vaccinated	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or testing required after travel.
Fully vaccinated	International travel	<u>No</u> quarantine required. Get tested 3-5 days after travel . You may attend school while awaiting results.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Previously positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or test required after travel.
Previously positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	International travel	No quarantine or testing required after travel.
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously positive	Domestic and International travel	<u>Get tested 3-5 days after returning, stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days post travel even if the test result is negative. If not tested, stay home and quarantine for 10 days post travel.</u>

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- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder

Our school nurses will assist you in the determination of your child's status as to being defined as asymptomatic, symptomatic, close contact, or otherwise needing to remain at home.

- Please do not attend school and stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.
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- Get tested.
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January 13, 2022

Comprehensive Quarantine/Isolation Status Update**Edited to NJDOH guidance of 1/12/22**

The definition of fully vaccinated is everyone 5 years and older who receives their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines. **Except in cases of close contact during which age 18 or older require their booster when eligible.** The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with vaccines, which includes additional doses.

In addition to regular mask use indoors at school, **those adults and students who are in days 6-10 after completing a 5-day isolation or quarantine need to remain masked while outdoors during physical education with modification, recess, or participating in school sports.**

- Please do not attend school and stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.
- Continue to use well-fitting masks in indoor settings - in and out of school.
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Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully Vaccinated Partially Vaccinated Previously Positive Unvaccinated Not fully vaccinated Not previously reported positive	COVID positive asymptomatic	Isolate for 5 full days. Day 0 is the day of the test. May return to school on day 6. If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.

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<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Partially Vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive and symptomatic or</p> <p>Persons with COVID symptoms who weren't tested</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test or symptoms.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6, if symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever-free and without fever-reducing medication.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated and previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**</p>	<p>Close contact or</p> <p>Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive</p>	<p><u>No quarantine is required.</u></p> <p><u>If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your school nurse.</u></p>
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously reported positive with past three months</p>	<p>Awaiting COVID-19 test results not due to personal illness</p>	<p>May attend school and report to work.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>Experiencing COVID symptoms</p> <p>not identified as a close contact</p>	<p>Get tested and remain at home until test results are received.</p> <p>Untested requires you to remain at home for 5 days with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p> <p>Symptoms must be subsiding and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication.</p>

		<p>Or an alternative illness diagnosed by a physician. Contact your school nurse for diagnosis-specific exclusions.</p> <p>(e.g., strep throat, flu, RSV)</p>
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<p>Unvaccinated, not fully vaccinated, not previously reported positive, or previously positive greater than three months- residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)</p>	<p>Unable to isolate while residing with a COVID positive household member</p>	<p>Complete a 10-day isolation period plus 5 additional days post isolation period.</p> <p>10 days + 5 days = 15 days</p>
<p>Unvaccinated or not previously-reported positive, residing with a symptomatic person or person awaiting a test</p>	<p>Residing with a person with or without symptoms awaiting a</p>	<p>Exclude from school until the person with symptoms tests negative.</p>

	COVID test result	Positive test result requires an isolation/quarantine period.
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Travel

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully vaccinated	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or testing required after travel.
Fully vaccinated	International travel	<u>No</u> quarantine required. Get tested 3-5 days after travel . You may attend school while awaiting results.
Previously positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or test required after travel.
Previously positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	International travel	No quarantine or testing required after travel.
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously positive	Domestic and International travel	<u>Get tested 3-5 days after returning, stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days post travel even if the test result is negative. If not tested, stay home and quarantine for 10 days post travel.</u>

Masking

As per the NJDOH, 1/10/22, “It is critical that people continue to wear well-fitting masks and take additional precautions for 5 days after leaving isolation or quarantine.” The mask mandate as ordered by Governor Murphy remains in effect and is an essential component to the shortened isolation/quarantine time and a student’s or staff member’s return to school. In addition to regular mask use indoors at school, those **adults and students who are in days 6-10 after completing a 5-day isolation or quarantine need to remain masked while outdoors during physical education with modification, recess, or participating in school sports.**

Vaccination status

The definition of fully vaccinated is everyone 5 years and older who receives their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines. **Except in cases of close contact during which age 18 or older require their booster when eligible.** The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with vaccines, which includes additional doses.

Symptoms

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March 21, 2022

Dear Mahwah Schools Community,

As we moved to mask optional for our school district in most recent weeks, we have continued to take a close look at our COVID-positive cases. Over the course of the past month, our COVID-positive numbers remain steadily low and removal of masks did not create a detrimental increase in cases.

The current [Covid-19 Activity Level Indicator \(CALI\) Report](#) for our Northeast Region is at its lowest level since October 2020. We are aware that the recent reports of the BA.2 variant may cause an uptick in individual cases due to its purported transmissibility.

In consultation with the district physician, school nurses, and a review of our data, we decided that, **effective tomorrow, March 22, 2022, we will no longer formally contact trace when we learn of a COVID-positive student or staff member.**

Students who report a positive COVID test will remain out of school (according to our present quarantine guidelines) but we will no longer require contacts to quarantine, regardless of vaccination status.

The following remains in effect:

- If a student presents with symptoms or is unwell, they should stay at home. (If you, as a parent, feel that the presenting symptoms might be COVID-related, we encourage you to test your student before he/she returns to school - home tests are acceptable.)
- In families where there are siblings, we ask that parents continue to keep unvaccinated and not previously positive >90 days home from school when a family member tests positive and the family is not able to isolate anyone who tested positive.
- We will no longer require quarantine (or post-travel testing), regardless of vaccination status, for anyone who travels to any location.
- Parents and staff should continue to advise us of changes in vaccination status, including booster.

And importantly:

- Continue to contact your school nurse to discuss your medical questions or concerns.
- Any condition such as masking and contact tracing is contingent upon wellness data and we reserve the right to adjust our health protocol accordingly.

We believe that this path forward is a reasonable next step for our school district. In reflection, we know that we have learned the value of mitigating measures to help maintain a degree of wellness throughout our schools and anticipate that our ability to continue to safely navigate throughout the remainder of this school year relies upon our continued monitoring of all matters related to health and wellness.

For all that you do to collaborate with us, we thank you.

In partnership,

The Mahwah Administrative Team



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December 16, 2021

Dear Mahwah Community,

This letter is intended to address the following:

- Change in district communication of COVID positive case
- Change in COVID quarantine time frame
- Additional health reminders

From the onset of COVID-19, we have committed to being transparent to our entire community via communication of information including building-specific COVID cases. With the current rise in cases, and notices associated with those cases, and parents' honest commentary that it is becoming difficult to stay on top of all district notifications, we have decided to streamline our e-mail blasts related to COVID-19 positive cases.

We have decided to change the way in which we communicate the district's COVID cases. **Students and staff who are identified as close contacts will continue to receive personal communication from building administration and/or school nurses.** The remaining school-based population can learn about COVID within the building by using [our COVID dashboard](#). The dashboard is updated with each actual case reported. Finally, a weekly notice will be sent to our district staff and families to provide them with COVID-related statistics from that week.

Quarantine Time-Frame Change

The New Jersey Department of Health has adjusted the COVID-19 activity level to "high" and this change in the COVID activity level requires that we change the quarantine time period. Please refer to this adjustment specific to the unvaccinated, not previously reported positive, or previously positive post 90 days by using the table below. **If not listed on this change table, please refer to August 26, 2021 or September 28, 2021 guidance, as the remaining statuses and outcomes have NOT changed.** [Click this link for the comprehensive "high transmission" table.](#)

When our status as a region returns to being defined as "moderate," we will return to our original quarantine status. You will be notified as soon as this may occur.

December 2021 High Transmission Table

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Unvaccinated and not previously reported positive	COVID positive without symptoms	10 days quarantine
Unvaccinated and not previously reported positive	COVID positive with symptoms	10 days quarantine, symptom free/fever free 24-hours prior to return
Unvaccinated and not previously reported positive	Close contact	14 days quarantine. There is NO testing to return
Previously reported positive greater than past three months	Close contact	14 days quarantine. There is no testing to return.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a new diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)	Residing with but <u>able to isolate</u> from COVID positive person	14 days quarantine

During “high risk” levels, the district is required to “carefully consider which activities they determine can continue, based on the individual activity’s risk, strategies to reduce those risks, and the ability to ensure compliance with COVID-19 prevention recommendations.” (NJDOH, 10/8/21)

Additional reminders:

- **If your child participates in out-of-school activities and is identified as a close contact who is required to quarantine, please contact your school nurse and do not send your child to school.**
- Please do not send your child to school when unwell, having symptoms, or with a fever.
- Please provide your child with an extra mask and encourage proper use while indoors.
- Please continue to complete all age-related medical appointments and vaccinations.

We continue to thank you for your support as a collective school community.

Sincerely,

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December 16, 2021

Dear Mahwah Community,

As you may be aware, the latest New Jersey Department of Health's weekly COVID-19 activity report has moved the northeast region of our state, which includes all towns in Bergen County, into the "high activity" level.

Attached, please find additional information and guidance regarding COVID-related procedures while the region is in a high activity level.

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Sincerely,

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March 4, 2022

Dear Mahwah Families,

On February 22, 2022, the New Jersey Department of Health issued guidance to support the shift from mandated to optional masking.

Below, please find those bulleted highlights important for you to know:

Masking

In School and On the School Bus

- Masking will be optional in school and on the school bus, effective March 7, 2022, with the following exception: Students who return to school after 5-day isolation must remain masked days 6-10.
 - In certain instances, while visiting the school nurse, students may be required to wear a mask.

Vaccinations

- We ask that you continue to communicate vaccination status, as this information will inform our contact tracing process. Continue to share information including when your child receives a booster.
- As of November 1, 2021, the district is continuing to require the maintenance of a policy where covered workers (all employees) provide proof of vaccination record, with weekly testing for those employees who remain unvaccinated.

Physical Distancing

- Social distancing will still be in place, as practicable, throughout the school day.

Close Contacts

- Upon learning of a COVID-positive case, close contacts will continue to be identified and will be communicated with by school officials.
- Unmasked and unvaccinated close contacts will be required to quarantine with the option to return to school fully masked on days 6-10.

Testing

- Symptomatic students with no known exposure to COVID-19 are strongly encouraged to get tested to determine eligibility to return to school.

Exclusion and Quarantine

Contact your school nurse with any questions about exclusion or quarantine

- Parents should not send children to school when sick.
- Individuals, regardless of vaccination status, who test positive or individuals with COVID19 symptoms who have not been tested and do not have an alternative diagnosis from their healthcare provider will:
 - Stay home for at least 5 full days after the onset of symptoms or if asymptomatic after the positive test (day of symptoms is day 0; if asymptomatic, day the test was performed is day 0).

Although transmission rates are currently declining in our region, it remains paramount to keep safety protocols, as needed, in place throughout the school day.

Any additional questions can be shared with your school nurse or building leaders.

As district protocols are adjusted due to New Jersey Department of Education guidance, any changes in procedures will be communicated with our school community.

By making masking optional, we are respecting an individual's choice regarding continued in-school use of a mask. Parents, students, and staff who wish to continue to mask during the school day are able to do so. As a school and community, it is imperative that we remain respectful of the personal decisions of students, parents, and staff.

We continue to thank you for your partnership through each step of the pandemic. Your cooperation and collaboration along the way has assisted our district in remaining successful, despite any and all presented circumstances!

Sincerely,

The Mahwah Administrative Team

Mahwah Township Public Schools

Road Forward Plan: 2021-2022



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Mahwah Schools - Road Forward Plan 2021-2022

Guided by the plans created and implemented in the 2020-2021 school year, using current guidance from CDC and mandates from NJDOH, as well as, setting the course for what we know is best for our students and staff, the following plan is presented as our framework for the 2021-2022 school year.

Our reopening plan is also guided by Governor Murphy's and the New Jersey Department of Education's [*The Road Forward*](#).

Our system is designed to use a range of *layered prevention strategies*:

- Staying home when unwell
- Getting vaccinated consistent with eligibility
- Physical distancing
- Cohorting
- Masking
- Maintaining physical distancing
- Hand washing
- Respiratory Etiquette
- Plexiglass dividers
- Screening testing
- Contact tracing
 - Isolation
 - Quarantine
- Monitoring community transmission
- Facility cleaning, disinfecting, and sanitizing
- Fresh air ventilation/exchange

As a quick reference guide, please find information in the below table pertaining to the upcoming 2021-2022 school year. Additional information will be shared with you by your building leadership and has been more extensively discussed in the following pages of this document:

Item	2021-2022
Full-day instruction	Yes
Masks	Yes - as per State mandate
Social distancing	3 feet
Field Trips/Assemblies	Yes
Virtual Wednesdays	No
Back-to-School Night	Yes
Parent Conferences	Yes
Lockers, Grades 4-12	Yes
School Signage	Yes
Cleaning Procedures	Yes
Lunch	Yes
Virtual Office Hours	No
Quarantine as Close Contact	Yes
Post-travel quarantine	Yes
Bussing (masking required)	Yes
Physical Education	Yes
Performing Arts	Yes
Award Ceremonies	Yes
Fully-Remote Option	No

Extracurriculars and Clubs	Yes
Senior Off-Campus	Yes
Work Study/Structured Learning	Yes
Volunteers (attestation and masking required)	Yes
Facility-use for Outside Groups (e.g., athletics, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts)	Yes
Mandatory Vaccinations	No

All Mahwah Public Schools are returning to their pre-pandemic schedules for full day instruction inclusive of school lunch and after school activities consistent with the buildings' programs.

Full-Day Schedule:

School	Full day hours
Mahwah High School	7:40 a.m. - 2:17 p.m.
Ramapo Ridge	8:00 a.m. - 2:40 p.m.
Joyce Kilmer	8:52 a.m. - 3:22 p.m.
Lenape Meadows	8:50 a.m. - 3:20 p.m.
Betsy Ross	8:42 a.m. - 3:12 p.m.
George Washington	8:42 a.m. - 3:12 p.m.

Arrival and Dismissal:

Protocols for both activities will be communicated to you directly by building principals.

Lunch:

School lunches will resume with our full-day schedule. Students will be able to purchase lunch, bring lunch, and eat in the cafeteria. Additional information on meals available will be provided by Pomptonian Food Services.

Snacks within the elementary school day will also resume and be guided by the individual building's protocols.

Mahwah remains a nut-free environment.

While eating, students will be placed within a reasonable distance of each other. Plexi-glass will be used to separate unmasked students.

Sanitizing stations are available for pre and post dining.

If a student is placed in quarantine, they may coordinate with the building administration to provide meals if they are needed.

Lunch Procedures:

Building-specific information will be shared by principals. Generally, dining will take place in cafeterias. Unmasked dining may include the use of plexiglass and maximizing outdoor seating where possible. Cafeterias will have stand-alone HEPA air filters as another layer of cleanliness to supplement our HVAC system.

Attendance:

Attendance will be taken daily.

Recess:

Outdoor and indoor recess will resume for all students attending our K-8 programs. Playground equipment will be reinstated in the schools. Sanitizing stations are available for pre and post recess activities.

Physical Education:

Our physical education classes are fully resuming with activities. Materials and equipment will be distributed and shared consistent with instructional needs.

Secondary students will have access to the locker room for the purpose of meeting their participation requirements.

Masking during this instructional period will be consistent with the district's requirement.

Chorus and Band:

Our programs will return with our full expectations for on-site performances taking place within our schools.

Lab sciences and makerspaces:

Our programs will return with regular instruction and use of the range of facilities. Materials will be distributed and shared consistent with instructional needs.

School Events:

Indoor school events will take place in person, inclusive of Back-to-School Night, school plays, band and choral performances, student clubs, student dances and proms, award ceremonies, and end-of-year events. More specific guidance will be provided to you by your building principal.

Related Services:

Our services will continue to be offered as per the IEP.

Field trips:

Day trips will resume for staff and students. All visits to locations outside of our schools will require all participants to follow the health standards of the location being visited. The district is not currently participating in any overnight trips.

Extra-curricular activities:

As previously offered, buildings that provide for this experience will continue to do so while abiding by any health and wellness layered measures used during the school day.

Extra-curricular sports:

Will continue to be supported consistent with NJSIAA requirements and district health and wellness layered measures.

Masking:

Indoor masking is mandated, as per Governor Murphy's Executive Order 251.

Transportation:

Masking is required on all school vehicles.

Windows and ceiling vents will be open to allow for the flow of fresh air. Students are encouraged to remain socially distanced on busses. Parents may decide to transport students to school and can advise the transportation office of this decision.

Students may sit more than one student per seat only if necessary due to bus occupancy.

Paraprofessionals will be on all K-3 buses through October 1, 2021.

Facility cleaning:

Touch point cleaning will continue to take place throughout the course of the school day. Lunch rooms will be cleaned between use. Thorough cleaning will take place after school hours and when the facility is closed to students.

Ventilation:

Emphasis is being placed on the exchange of fresh air via open windows. Our air handling units continue to be regularly serviced and filters changed according to manufacturer recommendations at a minimum.

Physical distancing:

Where possible and as part of our layered prevention strategies, we will create a distance of 3 feet or more. However, no activities will be limited if and when this strategy is not able to be used.

Visitors:

When possible, the district will welcome visitors to the building. All visitors will be required to be masked and will be required to complete an attestation form, as well as comply with all security requirements. If you are fully-vaccinated and visiting our buildings, documentation of your status can assist your entry.

Meetings with staff and families will be offered for your convenience either in person or via Zoom. Additional details will be finalized and communicated from each building when needed.

Vaccinations:

We strongly encourage any and all vaccination-eligible students and adults to participate in that option. Unless required to do so by the NJDOE or NJDOH, the district is not unilaterally requiring vaccinations for those who are eligible.

Please advise your school nurse when you are fully vaccinated. For students, this information will be stored consistent with other district-required medical documentation.

Community Transmission:

Overall township and community wellness will continue to be monitored for their impact upon the district's ability to maintain programs and services. In the event that community transmission spikes, the district may enact or remove activities.

Attestation forms:

Daily attestation forms are not required for staff or enrolled students.

Visitors to any building will be required to complete an attestation form. If you are fully vaccinated and visiting our buildings, documentation of your status can assist your entry.

Temperature checks:

Temperature checks will no longer be used by the district to attest for your wellness. Visitors must adhere to our visitor requirements.

Testing:

While it is recommended that unvaccinated people seek testing on a regular basis, we will not be requesting the permission to become an on-site testing district.

Parents and adults are encouraged to seek testing from a range of providers within our area particularly when you or a child are feeling unwell and are not vaccinated. Your school nurse can provide you with information on local testing sites.

Contact tracing:

The district will continue to use contact tracing in response to a COVID positive individual. The class and/or building impacted will be notified in writing. The entire district will not be advised of a single COVID positive case, however, in the event of an outbreak the entire district will be advised.

Our district's COVID dashboard will be regularly updated.

Close contacts:

Fully vaccinated people will not be excluded due to being a close contact. Additionally, previously positive within the last three months prior to exposure will also not be deemed a close contact. However, all close contacts will be notified for the purpose of monitoring their own health and wellness.

Definition of close contact:

Someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

Exception:

In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, or while being transported on a school bus, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 of an infected student where

- both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks; **and**
- other school prevention strategies were in place in the school setting (this exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting)

Quarantine and travel quarantine:

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully vaccinated*	COVID-19 <u>positive test</u>	Isolate for 10 days. Monitor for symptoms.
Fully vaccinated*	Close contact	Remaining asymptomatic, <u>no quarantine is required except if symptomatic</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative

Fully vaccinated*	Awaiting COVID-19 test results not due to personal illness	May attend school and report to work.
Fully vaccinated*	Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive	Remaining asymptomatic, no <u>quarantine is required</u> . Get tested 3-5 days after exposure, and wear a mask indoors in public for 14 days following exposure or until test result is negative
Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	Close contact	Quarantine not required.
Previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	COVID-19 positive test	Not required to quarantine except if symptomatic.
Previously reported positive greater than past three months	Close contact	10 days without testing Or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously reported positive	Close contact	10 days without testing Or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7

Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)	Close contact	10 days without testing Or 7 days with negative test results collected at 5-7
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)	Close contact	24 day quarantine required. 10+14 =24 (continuous contact)
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with a symptomatic person	Residing with a person with symptoms	Return to school after the person with symptoms tests negative.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive with symptoms	Symptomatic and tested	Return after proof of negative PCR Positive PCR requires a 10 day quarantine from positive test taken and symptom free/fever free for 24 hours prior to return.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive residing with someone awaiting a test	Residing with a person awaiting a COVID-19 test	Return to school after proof of housemate's negative test.
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive	COVID-19 positive test	10 day quarantine from positive test taken and symptom free/fever free (medication free) for 24 hours prior to return.

Travel

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Fully vaccinated*	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or testing required after travel.
Fully vaccinated*	International travel	<u>No</u> quarantine required. Get tested 3-5 days after travel . You may attend school while awaiting results.
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- Regardless of your vaccination status, the district will always inform close contacts when identified.
- Quarantine timeline is based upon the positive test date and not the start of symptoms

- In all cases, it is essential to monitor yourself for symptoms. Do not attend school if you are feeling unwell.

Documentation

*Vaccination card provided to school nurse. "Fully vaccinated" means confirmation of first and only for Johnson and Johnson, or both doses administered for Pfizer and Moderna and the date on which you are fully vaccinated. Two weeks post the last administered dose deems a staff member or student fully vaccinated.

** Previously positive must document:

- o Name of patient, date of test, physician or location of testing, and clearly denote a positive test.
- o Rapid tests will only be accepted to denote a positive test.

Health and wellness:

Please do not attend school if you are unwell. Staff and students must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication. The school nurse has the authority to evaluate any staff or student's wellness for the purpose of exclusion from school.

Continue to resume your regularly scheduled wellness appointments with your physicians including appointments to be vaccinated as part of your regular health maintenance.

All health screening as required by NJ Code will be administered at school including but not limited to height, weight, blood pressure, and vision.

Snow days:

The district will continue to respond to inclement weather consistent with previous years. In the event that road conditions result in our inability to safely transport students to school then a traditional snow day will be used.



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Good afternoon, Mahwah,

I know that there have been a number of questions/concerns surrounding masking mandates for the 21/22 school year. I wanted to share the most updated guidance provided by the state.

Executive Order 251 Mandatory Face Masks in New Jersey Schools

In accordance with Executive Order 251, effective August 9, 2021, Governor Murphy has ordered that all K-12 schools in New Jersey maintain a policy regarding mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises.

1. Mahwah Public Schools is aware and will adhere to the exceptions to the mandate. These are consistent with mask protocols in force last school year:
2. When doing so would inhibit the individual's health, such as when the individual is exposed to extreme heat indoors;
3. When the individual has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove a face masks without assistance;
4. When a student's documented medical condition or disability, as reflected in an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or Educational Plan pursuant to Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, precludes use of a face mask;
5. When the individual is under two (2) years of age;
6. When the individual is engaged in activity that cannot physically be performed while wearing a mask, such as eating or drinking, or playing a musical instrument that would be obstructed by a face mask;
7. When the individual is engaged in high-intensity aerobic or anaerobic activity;
8. When a student is participating in high-intensity physical activities during a physical education class in a well-ventilated location and able to maintain a physical distance of six feet from all other individuals; or
9. When wearing a face mask creates an unsafe condition in which to operate equipment or execute a task.

At this time, the mandate is specific to indoor settings only.

The change in the Governor's position is the result of a rise in COVID -19 cases associated with the Delta variant. **The mask protocols will be enforced regardless of a person's vaccine status.**

The Board of Education is obliged to comply with the Executive Order. This order is put in place for all school district buildings inclusive of the Board of Education Building.

We understand that there are strong feelings on both sides of this discussion. Please know that we are preparing to open for the school year with a focus on the positive social and educational experiences of all of our students. We will get through these difficult times together.

As we have done in the past, we will update you on any change that is made to this Executive Order.

We look forward to welcoming back our staff and students in the coming weeks.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer.

Michael DeTuro, Ed.D.

Superintendent of Schools



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Dear Mahwah Community,

Over the course of the past week, we have engaged the district's physician, our school nursing team, the department of health, and through our most recent survey, you - all in anticipation of the Governor's announcement that took place on February 7, 2022.

Effective with the Governor's announcement, Mahwah Public Schools, too, will now make **masking optional beginning on March 7, 2022**. This announcement is aligned with the responses received from our school community survey.

As masking is made optional, such a shift in our practices will require the additional guidance from the department of health. We are expecting that State guidance will include more information specific to transportation, contact tracing, and distancing, to name a few. As we committed to you, throughout the course of this pandemic, we will update you on all guidance and define any changes that will take place.

As stipulated in Governor Murphy's recent address, there is always potential for masking conditions to change within classrooms, schools, or the district, contingent on local positivity rates.

By making masking optional, we are respecting an individual's choice regarding continued in-school use of a mask. Parents, students, and staff who wish to continue to mask during the school day are able to do so. As a school and community, it is imperative that we remain respectful of the personal decisions of students, parents, and staff.

Our students, staff, and families are applauded for working collaboratively with us - over the past two years - to adhere to the masking mandate, regardless of one's personal beliefs.

We have come together, as a school community, to support our students, staff, and each other during these unprecedented times: Together and forward.

In partnership,

The Mahwah Administrative Team

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Dear Mahwah Families,

This notification reflects quarantine and isolation time changes for COVID positive and close contacts with a reduction to 5 days and return on day 6.

As per the most recent guidance, released by the CDC and, more recently, New Jersey Department of Health (NJDOH), on January 12, 2022, for K-12 school settings. A more comprehensive table with all updates can be found here: [Entire Quarantine/Isolation Status Update 1/12/21](#)

Masking:

As per the NJDOH, 1/10/22, "It is critical that people continue to wear well-fitting masks and take additional precautions for 5 days after leaving isolation or quarantine." The mask mandate, as ordered by Governor Murphy, remains in effect and is an essential component to the shortened isolation/quarantine time and a student's or staff member's return to school. In addition to regular mask use indoors at school, those **adults and students who are in days 6-10 after completing a 5-day isolation or quarantine, need to remain masked while outdoors during physical education with modification, recess, or participating in school sports.**

Vaccination Status:

The definition of "fully vaccinated" is everyone 5 years and older who receives their primary series of COVID-19 vaccines, **except in cases of close contact - during which - those who are age 18 or older require their booster when eligible.** The CDC recommends that people remain up to date with vaccines, which includes additional doses.

Symptoms:

Parents should not send students to school when sick. For school settings, NJDOH recommends that students with the following symptoms be promptly isolated from others and excluded from school:

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measure or subjective), chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose;
OR
- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, new taste disorder

Our school nurses will assist you in the determination of your child's status as to being defined as asymptomatic, symptomatic, close contact, or otherwise needing to remain at home.

- Please do not attend school and stay home if you are unwell or have symptoms.
- Continue to use masks in indoor settings - in and out of school.
- Get tested.
- Maintain contact with your physician regarding any medical questions.
- Contact your school nurse for guidance on district protocol.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
<p>Fully Vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive asymptomatic</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 full days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6.</p> <p>If symptoms develop within one week of the positive test, the 5-day isolation period starts over with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>COVID positive and symptomatic</p>	<p>Isolate for 5 days.</p> <p>Day 0 is the day of the test.</p> <p>May return to school on day 6, if symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever-free and without fever-reducing medication.</p>
<p>Fully vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months</p>	<p>Close contact or Family member awaiting test or COVID-19 positive</p>	<p><u>No quarantine is required.</u></p> <p><u>If symptoms develop, stay home and contact your school nurse.</u></p>

Status	Exposure	Outcome
<p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>or</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>or</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>or</p> <p><u>Not</u> previously reported positive</p> <p>or</p> <p>Previously reported positive greater than past three months</p>	Close contact	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly-diagnosed positive person (able to isolate)	Close contact	<p>Quarantine for 5 days with a return to school on day 6 when symptom-free.</p> <p>Day 0 is the last day of contact or last day of exposure.</p>
Unvaccinated or not previously reported positive, residing with a newly diagnosed positive person (unable to isolate)	Unable to isolate while residing with a COVID positive household member	<p>Complete a 10-day isolation period plus 5 additional days post isolation period.</p> <p>10 days + 5 days = 15 days</p>

Status	Exposure	Outcome
<p>Fully vaccinated</p> <p>Previously Positive</p> <p>Unvaccinated</p> <p>Not fully vaccinated</p> <p>Adult Requiring a Booster</p> <p>Not previously reported positive</p>	<p>Experiencing COVID symptoms</p> <p>not identified as a close contact</p>	<p>Get tested and remain at home until test results are received.</p> <p><u>Untested</u> requires you to remain at home for 5 days with day 0 being the first day of symptoms.</p> <p>Symptoms must be subsiding and/or 24-hours fever free and without fever reducing medication.</p> <p>Or an alternative illness diagnosed by a physician. Contact your school nurse for diagnosis-specific exclusions.</p> <p>(e.g., strep throat, flu, RSV)</p>

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Dear Mahwah School Community,

In our school district thus far, we have already offered voluntary on-site COVID-19 testing to our staff members on Tuesdays and Fridays, for those employees who may need a COVID-19 test for any reason.

Beginning on Friday, May 6, 2022, on-site testing will be available on Tuesdays AND Fridays, from 11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. to all students, as well.

The process by which testing will take place will be approximately one (1) minute for each person, as participants become accustomed to this collection process, and results typically take 48-72 hours to process. Attached to this e-mail is information related to this saliva-based (saliva spit) testing.

Participating in testing is completely voluntary.

Students and families are free to select this as a testing option.

For those parents or guardians who would like their child to participate in any on-site testing day, please briefly fill out the consent form with your permission to perform a COVID-19 PCR test for your student and create an account for your child that is specific to Mahwah Township Public Schools. The creation of this account only needs to take place once. This process should take no more than 5 minutes to complete, using a computer or a smartphone device.

A parent/guardian must be in attendance if they wish for their child to be tested on site, and no student will be tested without a parent present.

This should be done prior to your first testing date, and will allow for your child's weekly test results to be collected and reviewed swiftly, as needed, whenever you take advantage of this weekly service:

- [Link to create account](#)
- **Access Code:** GXF78M
 - o Finally, enter your child's information, and you're done!

Note: If you need to provide consent for more than one child, please complete the process once for each child separately.

If you should have any questions, please reach out to your school nurse.

On-site testing will take place at Mahwah High School's trainer's room, which is accessible from the front-right of the building (Door 43). Please see image attached.

As you drive up to Mahwah High School, for ease of access, we will allow for you to park at the curb and enter directly into the trainer's room. After entering the building, an on-site representative will be available to assist you through the testing and collection process. Testing results will be accessible through the Concentric by Bioworks [online portal](#).

Please reference images attached to this e-mail for further clarification related to the logistics on testing location.

Regards,

The Mahwah Administrative Team



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September 28, 2021

Restating with emphasis that testing and quarantine requirements for unvaccinated with COVID-compatible symptoms, and quarantine requirements for vaccinated, all current quarantine protocols, as communicated on August 21, remain in effect. This notice is to serve as additional clarification related to quarantining based on symptoms and vaccination status.

The district is not requiring students or staff to participate in completing a daily attestation of symptoms. As a result of removing this requirement, the district is reminding staff and students that, should they present with symptoms, that we ask that you stay home from school, contact the school nurse, and have a discussion regarding medical status.

Number of symptoms requiring quarantine	Symptoms
One or more	cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, loss of taste or loss of smell
Two or more	fever, chills, rigors (shivers), myalgia (muscle aches), headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose

An alternate diagnosis (including a positive strep test or influenza swab) without a negative COVID-19 test is not acceptable for individuals who meet COVID-19 quarantine criteria to return to school during periods of moderate, high, or very high community transmission. Rapid test and/or PCR are permitted to note negative or positive results related to any purpose.

When you call your child out sick from school, we ask that you include in your message information regarding the absence so that the school nurse can more effectively follow up with you. Please continue to work collaboratively with your school nurse so that we can effectively evaluate our community health and provide you with the best medical support possible.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Unvaccinated	Experiencing symptoms and tested	Negative test required to return to school*

Unvaccinated	Experiencing symptoms and not tested	Not tested; must remain out of school for 10 days since symptom onset and/or 24 hour fever-free without fever-reducing medication
Unvaccinated	Sibling of a student with symptoms	Excluded from school until symptomatic sibling receives a negative test
Fully Vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing 2 or more symptoms and not identified as a close contact	Remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever free and without fever reducing medication
Fully Vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing symptoms and identified as a close contact	Remain at home until test results are received Positive test - Isolate for 10 days Negative test-Remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever free and without fever reducing medication
Fully Vaccinated or previously reported positive (clinically recovered) within past three months	Experiencing 2 or more symptoms and medically required to test	Remain at home until test results are received Positive test - Isolate for 10 days Negative test-Remain home until symptoms subside and/or 24 hours fever free and without fever reducing medication

*Rapid test and/or PCR are permitted to note negative or positive results related to any purpose.

Please remember to maintain all of your child's regularly necessary medical appointments. If you are interested in receiving information about available COVID-19 vaccination opportunities for eligible children, please contact your school nurse or treating physician.

As always, we thank you for our continued community efforts!



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August 16, 2021

Dear Mahwah School Community,

The purpose of this letter is to offer a quick reference to the 2021-2022 school year.

Our plans for the 2021-2022 school year continue to be underway.

Below, please find a chart that provides you with a quick-reference guide on what our school year will look like for our students. As new information is communicated from the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Education, this chart will be updated accordingly. Specific details related to building-based operations will be shared through buildings' town hall meetings or directly through written communication:

Item	2021-2022
Full-day Instruction	Yes
Masks (Indoors and on transportation)	Yes - Executive Order 251
Daily Attestation Form	No - visitors only (during school day)
Temperature Checks	No - visitors only (during school day)
Social Distancing	3 feet
Field Trips/Assemblies	Yes (busing and distancing rules apply)
Virtual Wednesdays	No
In-Person Back-to-School Night	Yes
In-Person Parent Conferences	Yes
In-Person Parent Meetings/Visits	Yes (must be pre-scheduled)

Lockers, Grades 4-12	Yes
Recess	Yes
Cleaning Procedures	Yes
Lunch	Yes (distancing rules apply/food service resumes)
Snack	Yes
Virtual Office Hours	No
Busing (masking required)	Yes
Physical Education with Equipment	Yes
In-Person Performing Arts (theater, choral, instrumental)	Yes
In-Person Award Ceremonies	Yes
Fully-Remote Option	No
In-Person Extracurriculars and Clubs	Yes
Senior Off-Campus	Yes
Work Study/Structured Learning	Yes
Volunteers (attestation and indoor masking required)	Yes
Facility-use for Outside Groups (e.g., athletics, Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts)	Yes
Mandatory Vaccinations	No
Contact Tracing	Yes
COVID Communication Dashboard	Yes
Stay Home When Unwell	Yes
Quarantine as Close Contact	Yes
Post-travel Quarantine	Yes

School Reopening Town Hall Meeting	Yes
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Additional guidance will be shared with you during our Board of Education meeting scheduled for August 18, by your respective buildings, and by our road forward plan for Mahwah Township Public Schools that will be communicated to our families prior to the start of the school year in September.

Sincerely,

Michael DeTuro, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools



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August 3, 2021

Dear Mahwah School Community,

As we have shared in our communication last week, our team created a survey to garner information from our community's stakeholders regarding a number of issues related to reopening, inclusive of masking, attestation procedures, and cleaning protocol. This e-mail communicates those survey results.

Below is the information that we obtained from this survey, broken down by results from each stakeholder group: students, parents/guardians, and staff members. We have also placed all stakeholders' responses in the last table ("Overall Responses," found on pages 5-6 of this document).

Student Responses

Statement	Student (Grades 6-12) Responses - Yes	Student (Grades 6-12) Responses - No
I prefer the continued use of face covering by all staff in schools.	32%	68%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings only for staff in school who are NOT fully vaccinated.	51%	49%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings by all students in schools.	28%	72%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings in schools only for students who are NOT fully vaccinated.	45%	55%
I prefer social distancing guidelines (3 feet minimum)	31%	69%

to remain in effect in our schools.		
I prefer to continue with daily staff attestation forms.	24%	76%
While eating at school (lunch) I prefer the use of plexiglass to separate students if we cannot maintain the distance of 3 feet.	21%	79%
I prefer to continue with daily student attestation form.	21%	79%
I prefer to have regular ongoing touch-point cleaning throughout the school day.	70%	30%

Parents/Guardians Responses

Statement	Parents/Guardians Responses - Yes	Parents/Guardians Responses - No
I prefer the continued use of face covering by all staff in schools.	41%	59%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings only for staff in school who are NOT fully vaccinated.	49%	51%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings by all students in schools.	40%	60%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings in schools only for students who are NOT fully vaccinated.	32%	68%

I prefer social distancing guidelines (3 feet minimum) to remain in effect in our schools.	51%	49%
I prefer to continue with daily staff attestation forms.	40%	60%
While eating at school (lunch) I prefer the use of plexiglass to separate students if we cannot maintain the distance of 3 feet.	40%	60%
I prefer to continue with daily student attestation form.	35%	65%
I prefer to have regular ongoing touch-point cleaning throughout the school day.	86%	14%

Staff Responses

Statement	Staff Member Responses - Yes	Staff Member Responses - No
I prefer the continued use of face covering by all staff in schools.	46%	54%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings only for staff in school who are NOT fully vaccinated.	49%	51%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings by all students in schools.	51%	49%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings in schools	40%	60%

only for students who are NOT fully vaccinated.		
I prefer social distancing guidelines (3 feet minimum) to remain in effect in our schools.	66%	34%
I prefer to continue with daily staff attestation forms.	24%	76%
While eating at school (lunch) I prefer the use of plexiglass to separate students if we cannot maintain the distance of 3 feet.	66%	34%
I prefer to continue with daily student attestation form.	49%	51%
I prefer to have regular ongoing touch-point cleaning throughout the school day.	91%	9%

Overall Responses

Statement	Overall Stakeholder Responses - Yes	Overall Stakeholder Responses - No
I prefer the continued use of face covering by all staff in schools.	39%	61%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings only for staff in school who are NOT fully vaccinated.	50%	50%
I prefer the continued use of face coverings by all	38%	62%

students in schools.		
I prefer the continued use of face coverings in schools only for students who are NOT fully vaccinated.	37%	63%
I prefer social distancing guidelines (3 feet minimum) to remain in effect in our schools.	48%	52%
I prefer to continue with daily staff attestation forms.	33%	67%
While eating at school (lunch) I prefer the use of plexiglass to separate students if we cannot maintain the distance of 3 feet.	39%	61%
I prefer to continue with daily student attestation form.	33%	67%
I prefer to have regular ongoing touch-point cleaning throughout the school day.	82%	18%

These results serve as one consideration for our district's decision-making and we remain well aware of the changes to local, state, and national health data. We may ultimately need to adjust our in-district protocol based on updates from the New Jersey Department of Health and New Jersey Department of Education mandates.

All the information related to the state's "road forward" can be found through [this link](#).

While we will be updating you throughout the remaining weeks of summer regarding changes to COVID-related protocol, as guidance is ever-changing, we are hopeful to share our plans related to reopening with all the Mahwah school community at our Board of

Education meeting scheduled for August 18, 2021. Any other remaining reopening items will be shared at the following Board meeting, scheduled for September 1, 2021.

We thank you for your continued partnership as we navigate this road forward together.

Sincerely,

Michael DeTuro, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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November 1, 2021

Dear Mahwah Community,

This notice reflects changes to our district travel advisory, effective November 1, 2021.

In review of our district's and surrounding area's declining COVID-19 cases, we have consulted with our local medical professionals and are making the following adjustments to the district's travel quarantine guidelines:

- There are no travel restrictions with domestic travel. If you have any questions regarding what is considered domestic travel, please reach out to your building nurse.
- There are no travel restrictions for international travel for those who are fully vaccinated or those recovered from COVID-19 within the last three months as documented.
- There are travel restrictions for international travel for those who are not vaccinated:
 - Get tested with a PCR test 3 - 5 days after your return date.
 - If test is negative, quarantine for 7 full days and return on day 8.
 - If test is positive, contact the school nurse to determine the length of required quarantine.
 - If you choose not to test, quarantine for 10 days and return on day 11.

Status	Exposure	Outcome
Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously positive	International travel	<u>Get tested 3-5 days after returning</u> , stay home and self-quarantine for 7 days post travel even if the test result is negative. If not tested, stay home and quarantine for <u>10</u> days post travel.

Unvaccinated or <u>not</u> previously positive	Domestic travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or testing required after travel.
Fully vaccinated*	Domestic travel International travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or testing required after travel.
Previously positive (clinically recovered) within past three months**	Domestic travel International travel	<u>No</u> quarantine or test required after travel.

* Vaccination card provided to school nurse. "Fully vaccinated" means confirmation of first and only for Johnson and Johnson, or both doses administered for Pfizer and Moderna and the date on which you are fully vaccinated. Two weeks post the last administered dose deems a staff member or student fully vaccinated.

** Previously positive must document:

- o Name of patient, date of test, physician or location of testing, and clearly denote a positive test.
- o Rapid tests will only be accepted to denote a positive test.

As we have done throughout the past 1.5 years, we continue to thank our Mahwah community for working alongside us, as our movement forward requires a collective community effort.

Particularly, we would like to thank our Mahwah Education Association and Mahwah Board of Education for assisting us in making safe and informed strides that are personalized for our community as we continue on towards a sense of normalcy.

Respectfully,

The Mahwah Administrative Team



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October 12, 2021

Dear Mahwah Community,

This notice is to remind you of the travel advisory requirement that remains in effect.

As the long weekend related to the New Jersey Teacher's Convention and Thanksgiving are approaching, we felt it best that we remind our community of the issue related to traveling outside of the state of New Jersey.

As you are aware, our state maintains [a travel advisory list](#) that identifies states where it is necessary to self-quarantine after travel to or from New Jersey. Returning from traveling to these states will require those unvaccinated to go into self-quarantine for seven days, getting tested 3-5 days upon return. This includes all travel by any means, including personal vehicles. While the criteria for essential travel exists, regardless of the reason for travel and irrespective as to where one stays or visits, the obligation to comply with self-quarantine after traveling to a state on the advisory list is expected.

Those staff members and students who are fully vaccinated are not required to quarantine upon return from travel. This advisory does not apply when individuals pass through a designated advisory state for a limited duration of less than 24 hours.

For those who plan to travel in these instances and require a post-travel quarantine, please speak directly with your building administrator to be advised of the process that should follow for any students who will be traveling over the course of the fall season.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mahwah Community,

We are pleased to be able to provide all interested parents and guardians with the information for our **voluntary** and free vaccination clinic.

The vaccinations are Pfizer for children ages 5-11 and Pfizer for children 12+:

Vaccination #1 - Monday, November 29, 2021 3:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Vaccination #2 - Monday, December 20, 2021 3:30p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

The pre-registration process is required in order to ensure enough doses are available. Even with the pre-registration process, there will also be a requirement that a parent/guardian is present to give a "live signature and consent," as well as escort your child through the process.

Prior to leaving the clinic site your child's second vaccination for the date of December 20, 2021 will be scheduled with you.

After you register, additional information will be sent to you directly by the pharmacist in charge.

Below is a link and attached is a QR code, either of which will enable you to secure your appointment and pre-register:

- Pfizer Child Ages 5-11 AND 12+
- Link: <https://kordinator.mhealthcoach.net/vcl/thunderbirdkids>
- Requires "Ages 5 and up" to be clicked before proceeding to booking.

Some FAQ about the clinic:

Dates: Monday, November 29 (3:30-7:30) and Monday, December 20 (3:30-7:30)

Location: Mahwah High School Thunderbird Think Tank (T3) - Please see image attached to this e-mail. Feel free to park your car in the lot right outside the Thunderbird Think Tank!

Setting: Two separate rooms are offered so that students ages 5-11 are in one room and student 12+ are in another. Pharmacists will be on site to administer this vaccination in both areas.

Explanation of the process after arrival:

Anyone entering the school facility is required to wear a mask.

- Parents will escort child to site and sign in:
 - The parent or guardian produces a Driver's License or Photo ID.
 - The agency will also ask for medical and/or prescription insurance proof for the child.
 - If a parent does not have medical insurance, this is okay.
There is no charge to the patient.
- Children should wear clothing that makes the vaccination site easily accessible and is comfortable to them (short sleeves).
- Children will be weighed.
- After receiving the vaccination, children and parent/guardian are required to stay on site for 15-30 minutes post vaccination.
- You will receive a vaccination record card for proof and future use.

We recognize that the decision to vaccinate your child is personal and made solely by the parent or guardian. Access to this vaccination is being offered as a community service, free of charge, and is solely scheduled by you on a voluntary basis.

Mahwah Administrative Team