

EAAECS Health & Safety

Plan 2021-22

February 23, 2022



Masking:

- Masking continues to be recommended; however effective Monday February 28th, 2022, face masks will be optional for students and staff, except as state or federal mask mandates require.
- Masks will continue to be required within the nursing office.
- We ask that all staff, students, and parents respect each individual's right to choose the most appropriate masking option for their family.

Transportation:

- According to the federal mask mandate, all students are required to wear a mask on the school bus through March 18, 2022. Any updates or changes will be communicated to our families.

Contact Tracing and Quarantine:

- Easton Arts Academy will no longer conduct contact tracing for in-school exposures. Individuals exposed to COVID-19 who are not experiencing symptoms will no longer be required to quarantine from school (except for unvaccinated household contacts)
- Household contacts of a person with COVID-19 will be required to quarantine per current PA Department of Health Guidelines.
 - If the student or staff member is fully vaccinated or had a confirmed case of COVID 19 within the last 90 days quarantine is not required but they should continue to monitor for symptoms and wear a mask for 10 days after exposure
 - If not fully vaccinated the student or staff member should quarantine for at least 5 days beginning only **after their household contacts isolation ends**. They **may return on day 6** if they have not developed any symptoms. They must continue to wear a well-fitting mask day 6-10. They may continue to attend classes virtually, please contact your student's homeroom teacher for guidance.

Symptomatic Students and Staff:

- Students and staff who present with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 should get tested and remain home until results are received.
- Students sent home with symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will be required to isolate for 5 days and may return on Day 6 if symptoms are resolving and fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication **OR** with a negative test result **OR** with a doctor's note that provides an alternative diagnosis and return to school date (see attached protocol).

Positive Cases:

- Staff or students must continue to isolate per the current PA Department of Health guidelines if they test positive for COVID-19.
 - They may return to school when they have isolated for at least 5

days. They **may return on day 6** (only if symptoms are resolving **and** fever-free for 24 hours without the use of medication such as Tylenol or Motrin). They must continue to wear a well-fitting mask day 6-10.

- Easton Arts Academy continues to be responsible for reporting all positive cases to the PA Department of Health. Please continue to notify the school nurse of positive cases or household close contacts.

Staff and Student Transmission Levels:

- Easton Arts Academy will continue to monitor case counts and transmission levels closely.
- If a 3% positivity rate is met within the building (10 positive cases in staff or students within a 14-day rolling period) the school administration will evaluate the need to return to universal masking and implement necessary mitigation strategies.

Recess:

- Masks are optional while students are outside during recess.

Vaccination:

- Vaccination is recommended for all eligible staff and students per current CDC guidance.

Meals:

- Student mealtimes will be held in the Multi-Purpose Room with three (3) feet of physical distancing between students when feasible.
- Free meals for all district students will continue throughout the remainder of the 2021/22 school year.