

# Coronavirus COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022 School Year

Please Note: These protocols reflect current guidance from federal, state and local health officials. Should guidance change, school protocols will be updated to reflect current information. 7/19/21

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following guidelines for our return to school.

- Masks are recommended for anyone who has not been vaccinated. Masks are not required; however, we respect the right of anyone who chooses to wear a mask at school.
- Masks are required on school buses for the duration of CDC mask guidance for public transportation. Masks will be provided to those who do not have them.
- Water bottling filling stations will remain open and water fountains will remain closed. Students will be asked to use water bottles at school.
- Assigned seating and increased spacing between students will remain in classrooms, the cafeteria, and other group settings to fulfill contact tracing obligations.
- Increased cleaning and disinfection in all areas will remain in place. School air filtration systems meet or exceed all requirements for fresh air circulation.
- Unvaccinated students or staff who are close contacts with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine per health department guidance. No student or staff member will be asked about vaccination status except as part of a close contact situation.
- Home COVID-19 test kits will not qualify as an alternate diagnosis or for an early return to school.
- **Extracurricular activities** will resume with the same protocols as school attendance. IHSAA and ISSMA guidance will be followed.

# **Best Practices**

The 2020-21 school year taught us there are many important practices to help keep Pioneers healthy.

## **Proper hand washing**

is the best way to limit the spread of COVID-19. Students will have many opportunities each day to wash their hands and use sanitizer.

# Monitoring student health

before school each day is crucial.
Students with a fever or signs
of illness (including but not
limited to: vomiting, diarrhea,
uncontrolled cough, sore throat,
and loss of taste or smell) should
not come to school.

### **Vaccinations**

are recommended by the CDC for anyone age 12 or older.

### School health clinics

will have separate areas for students with symptoms.

### When in doubt,

stay home and contact your school's student health services or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Contact Tracing will still be in place in accordance with Indiana Department of Health guidelines.



Close contacts include anyone within 6' of the positive case for 15 minutes or more over the course of a day. There is a 48hour "lookback" for close contacts prior to symptom onset/positive test.



Close contacts who do not show proof of vaccination will be required to quarantine. Vaccinated close contacts who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.