# 2021-2022 School Year Procedures - Beginning of School Year \*Subject to MCPH, IDOH or CDC Guidance Changes

The following guidelines serve as the guidelines to start the 2021-2022 school year. Guidelines included are current as of August 11, 2021 and could be subject to change following any changes to guidance from the Marion County Public Health Department, Indiana Department of Health, and the Centers for Disease Control resulting from community spread of COVID-19. The M.S.D. of Wayne Township will continue to report positive cases and quarantines to MCPHD and IDOH.

#### Indoor Activities

- Masks are required for all individuals inside an M.S.D. of Wayne Township facility.
- The following categories of people continue to be exempt from the requirement to wear a mask:
  - A child under the age of 2 years;
  - A person with a disability who cannot wear a mask, or cannot safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.);
  - A person for whom wearing a mask would create a risk to workplace health, safety, or job duty as determined by the relevant workplace safety guidelines or federal regulations.
- Elementary students will remain in consistent pods throughout the day.
  When within pods students will not be required to wear a mask. Transitions outside the pod will require masks for all students in kindergarten and above.
- Visitors will not be permitted to eat with students and staff during lunch.
- Students should face the same direction when possible.
- Maintaining seating charts and cohorting of students will continue for contact tracing.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will continue to be available.
- Shared spaces, equipment and supplies will continue being cleaned and sanitized between uses.
- Weight Room: All machines should be cleaned and sanitized prior to another group utilizing the area.
- Whenever locker rooms are utilized, the locker room procedures used during the 2020-2021 school year will continue being implemented.

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## **Health Screening**

- Each day, students and employees will need to monitor whether they have COVID-like symptoms. Those who develop COVID-like symptoms will need to stay at home and not attend school or participate in the activity.
- All visitors will be required to complete the COVID-19 Screener prior to entering a M.S.D. of Wayne building and must follow the mask guidelines.

#### **Outdoor Activities**

- Masks will be recommended for all outdoor instructional activities and during high exertion activities (i.e., PE classes, athletic practices, marching band, etc).
- As practical, maximizing space between and among individuals will continue to be implemented.
- Shared equipment and supplies will continue being cleaned and sanitized between uses.
- Whenever locker rooms are utilized, the locker room procedures used during the 2020-2021 school year will continue being implemented.

#### Miscellaneous Items

- Students should continue bringing a water bottle and may use the bottle filling stations available at the school for refills.
- Hand sanitizer and sanitizing wipes will continue to be available.

## Food Services

 Food service procedures used during the 2020-2021 school year shall continue to be implemented.

# Transporting Students

- Masks are required for students utilizing any M.S.D. of Wayne Township vehicle for transportation.
- Transportation procedures will continue to include implementing and maintaining seating charts for contact tracing.

## Contact Tracing and Quarantines

- Contact tracing procedures and compliance with CDC quarantine guidelines shall continue to be implemented.
- Proof of full vaccination status for asymptomaticindividuals will be required to avoid quarantine.
- Employees will be required to complete a staff COVID-19 screener if determined to be a close contact.

The most current list of symptoms can be accessed from the CDC at Symptoms of COVID-19

The most current IDOH COVID-19 Grades K-6 Vaccinated/Unvaccinated Guidance 21 Decision Trees Vac 6-16