

COVID Protocol Review for the 21-22 School Year

August 10, 2021

Current Protocols

- Shared with the Board at the July 22 Board meeting.
- Fully supported by the Board.
- Published and shared with parents on July 23.

Since then.....

- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has revised its recommendation on face coverings, and clarified quarantines related to face coverings.
- The Kansas City Medical Society sent a letter to 17 area school districts asking for a face covering requirement for all students and staff when indoors.
- Cass County Health Providers (38 doctors from Cass Regional and Belton Medical) sent an open letter to all Cass County residents asking for face covering usage in crowded places, among other protocols.
- County-wide positive COVID-19 cases have continued to increase to levels similar to mid-winter of last year.

Currently, for the 21-22 school year....

- Our current protocol is that face coverings are recommended, but not required, for all unvaccinated persons when indoors and unable to maintain physical distancing of at least 3-feet (students), 6-feet (adults).
- Face coverings are recommended outdoors only when in large groups for an extended period of time.
- Face coverings are welcomed by anyone at anytime who want to wear one.

Additional Information

- The options presented are for indoors only when physical distancing cannot be maintained.
- There is no county-wide face covering mandate from the Cass County Health Department.
- The use of face coverings will be a factor in determining quarantines.
- We will implement the direction of the Board.
- All of our protocols will undergo continual review and we will be ready to recommend or make changes should changes become necessary.

EVERYONE MASKED

When a masked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks

COVID +

Close Contacts



ISOLATE

SELF-MONITOR
NO QUARANTINE

CLOSE CONTACTS MASKED

When an unmasked person tests positive and those exposed are wearing masks

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ISOLATE

QUARANTINE

CLOSE CONTACTS UNMASKED

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Options

- A. Maintain current protocol, but expand to include all persons “regardless of vaccination status.”
- B. Require face coverings for all early childhood and elementary school students and staff. Maintain current protocol, subject to the changes in choice A, for secondary students and staff.
- C. Require face coverings for all students and staff in grade EC-12 until further notice.