

Health & Safety Updates

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Physical Distance

- Students – 3 feet between students within classrooms
- Adults – 6 feet recommended between adults and between children and staff

Masks

- Universal masking indoors regardless of vaccination status
- All people age 2 and over
- Masks are not required outdoors (in very crowded space, masks should be worn)

Lunch

- 6 feet is recommended indoors
- If 6 feet cannot be maintained, then use the greatest distance possible with a minimum of 3 feet
- Consider other spaces for lunch to create distance (outdoors, cafeteria, vacant classrooms, hallways) or stagger lunch times so other spaces can be utilized
- Increase ventilation as much as possible

Ventilation

- **Bring in as much outdoor air as possible.**
 - **If safe to do so, open windows and doors.** Even just cracking open a window or door helps increase outdoor airflow, which helps reduce the potential concentration of virus particles in the air. If it gets too cold or hot, adjust the thermostat. Do not open windows or doors if doing so poses a safety or health risk (such as falling, exposure to extreme temperatures, or triggering asthma symptoms).
 - **Use child-safe fans to increase the effectiveness of open windows.** Safely secure fans in a window to blow potentially contaminated air out and pull new air in through other open windows and doors.
 - **Consider having activities, classes, or lunches outdoors when circumstances allow.**

Quarantine

- Will follow guidance from local health departments – shortened periods could occur

Close Contact Definition – K-12 Exception

- **Exception:** In the **K–12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a [clinically compatible illness](#)) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) [correctly and consistently](#) wore well-fitting [masks](#) the entire time.
- This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

Health and Temperature Screening

- Screenings may occur at home or at school with the exception of PreK and before/after care students
- Office of Child Care (OCC) requires screenings and temperature checks be **done upon arrival to the school, not at home**