

Updated Covid-19 Guidance

Effective March 2, 2022

Updated Exclusions/Quarantines/Masking

- Masking is recommended, but is not required for students, staff, and families.
- Staff/families will be notified of any positive case at school. Similarly, staff/families will be notified when an exposure has occurred.
- Students/staff who have close contact with positive case will **NOT** be excluded from school unless symptoms develop.
- Students/staff exhibiting symptoms should remain home. They can return to school with a negative covid test (**lab test only - home tests will not be accepted**).
- Siblings of a student testing positive for Covid-19 should remain home for 24 hours and may return to school with a negative covid test result (**lab test only - home tests will not be accepted**) and if they have no symptoms.
- Students/staff who test positive for Covid-19 should remain home for a minimum of 5 days. Students/staff need to be symptom free 24 hours to return to school.
- Covid Credits will no longer be implemented for students who cannot attend school.

Prevention Strategies

- Continue to promote Covid-19 vaccinations and booster shots.
- Maintain physical distance as much as possible.
- Contact tracing for exposed students.
- Communication with the Health Department on positive cases.
- Handwashing procedures, cleaning, and sanitizing will continue throughout the building and classrooms.
- Continue use of air purifiers in the classroom and frequent HVAC cleanings.
- Classrooms will remain separate and will not mix groups.
- Daily health screenings will continue through Brightwheel for students.

CDC Community Levels

- A new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data.
- Levels can be LOW, MEDIUM, HIGH
- Determined by: looking at hospital bed usage, hospital admission, and the total number of new Covid-19 cases in the area.
- Visit [CDC Community Levels](#) for more information.

Note: This is based on current CDC, IDPH, LCHD, and DCFS guidelines and may change/update based on Covid-19 levels and cases in the area to implement additional safety measures.