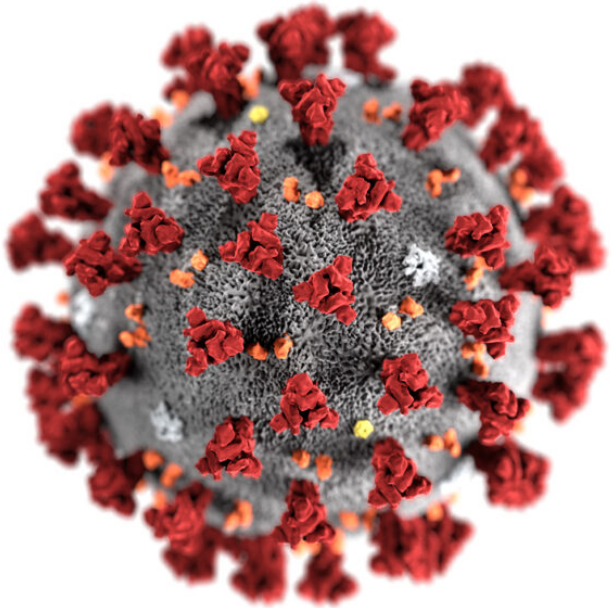
Effective Management of Covid-19 in Schools
WPS Return-to-School Plan

Presentation Based Upon Evidence and Guidance as of August 21, 2021

Mitigation Measures 2020-2021



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- **Masking**
  - Initially at all times
  - Changed to indoors only
- **Spacing**
  - Initially 6 feet
  - Changed to 3 feet
- **Daily Symptom Screening**
- **Cleansing/Disinfection**
- **Robust Testing Platform**
- **Ventilation**
- **Contact Tracing**

VACCINATION!

Year in Review

(170 Days of in-person instruction – NO transmission in schools)

- **7,354 Individual PCR Tests**
  - **20 positive cases identified**
- **1,077 COVID-19 Safety Screenings (pools)**
  - **3 positive screenings (pools)**
- **72 Rapid Antigen Tests (BinaxNOW)**
  - **3 positive cases identified**

97 total positive cases identified districtwide

Prevention

- Stay home when sick
- Masks
- 3-6 feet physical distancing
- Hand hygiene
- Cleansing/Disinfection
- Ventilation
- Testing
- Contact tracing

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Mitigation Measures 2021-2022

- **Masking**
  - Indoors only
- **Spacing**
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- **Daily Symptom Checks**
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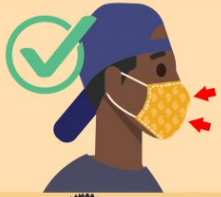
VACCINATION!

MASK DOs and DON'Ts

DO choose masks that

Have two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric



Completely cover your nose and mouth

Fit snugly against the sides of your face and don't have gaps

DO NOT choose masks that

Are made of fabric that makes it hard to breathe, for example, vinyl

Have exhalation valves or vents, which allow virus particles to escape

Are intended for healthcare workers, including N95 respirators or surgical masks

Caution: Gaiters & Face Shields

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Special Situations: Glasses

If you wear glasses, find a mask that fits closely over your nose or one that has a nose wire to limit fogging

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***No Single Layer Materials (Bandanas, Shirts)**

3-6 Feet Physical Distancing

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Daily Symptom Checks

- *Fever (100^{O} or more)
- *Cough (productive)
- *Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- *New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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CDC Coronavirus Interactive Self Checker

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html#

Testing

- State Testing Model
- Weekly Safety Screen
- Symptomatic Testing
- Test-to-Stay

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Weekly Safety Screen

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- **Once weekly screening**
- **Lower nasal swab**

***Logistics to be announced in later communication**

Symptomatic Testing

- Rapid Antigen
- BinaxNOW
- 15 minute diagnostic
- Negative can STAY

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Test-to-Stay

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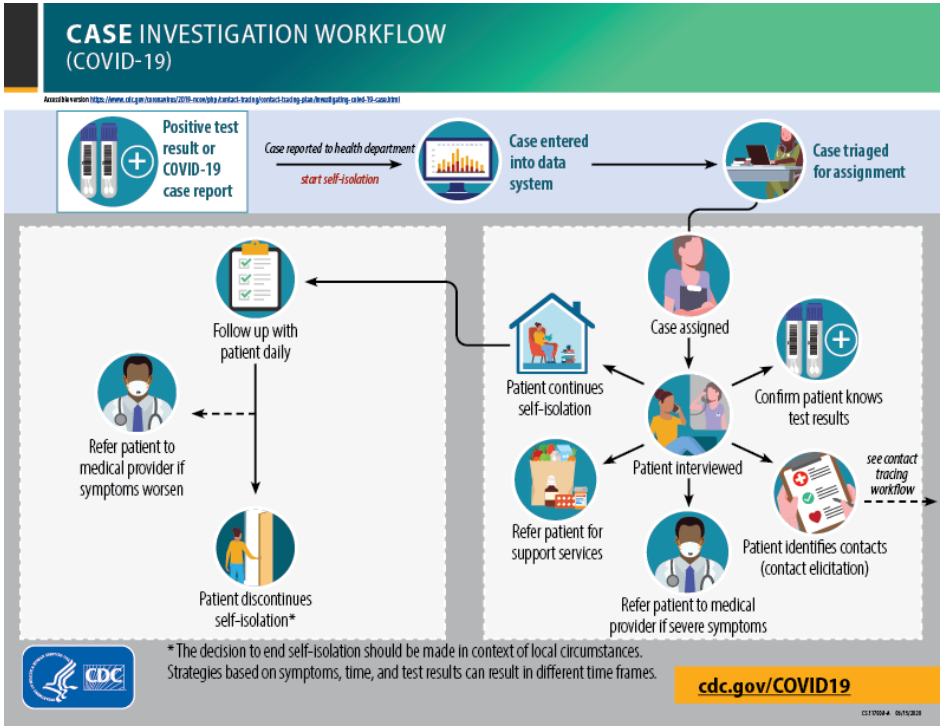
- Close Contacts
- Daily testing for 5 days
- Rapid Antigen (BinaxNOW)
- No symptoms & Negative Test Can Stay & Play
- Symptoms = Quarantine

***Logistics to be announced in later communication**

Contact Tracing

- Regardless of Vaccination Status
- BOH final authority
- Non-vaccinated must quarantine at home
- Vaccinated without symptoms = no quarantine
- Test-to-Stay Allows Access to School



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