

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 July 27, 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.

<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Indoor Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Masks are recommended for fully vaccinated individuals. Masks must be worn by all individuals in kindergarten and above who are not fully vaccinated. Consistent and correct mask use by people who are not fully vaccinated is especially important indoors and in crowded settings, when physical distancing cannot be maintained. ● The following categories of people continue to be exempt from the requirement to wear a mask: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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 <i>et seq.</i>); ● 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 unvaccinated students in kindergarten and above. ● Masks are recommended for fully vaccinated individuals and required for those not fully vaccinated in kindergarten and above in physical education classes unless physical distancing is 6 feet. ● Masks are recommended for fully vaccinated individuals and required for those in kindergarten and above not fully vaccinated during band, choir, music and other classes with increased exposure to particles unless physical distancing is 6 feet. ● 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. Masks are recommended for fully vaccinated individuals and must be worn by all individuals in grades 3 and above who are not fully vaccinated. ● Whenever locker rooms are utilized, the locker room procedures used during the 2020-2021 school year will continue being implemented. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Outdoor Activities</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Miscellaneous Items</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Food Services</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Food service procedures used during the 2020-2021 school year shall continue to be implemented.
	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Transporting Students</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Health Screening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Contact Tracing and Quarantines</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Contact tracing procedures and compliance with IDOH quarantine guidelines shall continue to be implemented. ● Proof of full vaccination status for asymptomatic individuals 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](#)