



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR



ENCOURAGING VACCINATIONS

According to the CDC and IDPH, vaccination is safe and effective at preventing severe illness from COVID-19. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn if you are up to date.



STAYING HOME WHEN SICK

Staying home if you are ill or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms is essential to keep infections out of schools and prevent spread to others.



RESPONDING TO POSITIVE CASES

Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 must isolate for at least five days, following [District 97's Guidance for Isolation and Quarantine](#).



NOTIFYING FAMILIES AND STAFF OF CASES

Schools will send positive case notifications via email to any impacted classrooms, bus routes or extracurricular activities.



OPTIMIZING VENTILATION

The district will continue to follow industry standards for indoor air quality and will remain diligent with regular system maintenance. [CLICK HERE](#) to learn more.



MASKING

Masking continues to be strongly recommended, but not required. Schools will maintain a supply of masks for individuals who wish to use them.



TESTING

District 97 will maintain a supply of at-home antigen kits that may be offered to students and staff preemptively or at the onset of illness.



HANDWASHING AND RESPIRATORY ETIQUETTE

Students and staff will practice frequent handwashing and proper respiratory etiquette (covering coughs and sneezes).



CLEANING AND DISINFECTION

Staff will perform regular school cleaning and disinfect all high-touch surfaces daily. The full classroom disinfection process will occur weekly.