

Marion School District

Communicable Disease – COVID-19 Exposure Control and Continuity of Services Plan

In consideration of the recommendations and guidance issued by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Arkansas Department of Health (ADH), and the Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE), the Marion School District is implementing this Emergency Exposure Control and Continuity of Services Plan for all students and employees of the District as part of Communicable Disease resolution and Licensed & Classified Personnel Use of Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) Policies (Policies 3.55 & 8.43).

FACE COVERINGS

STUDENTS

Until further notice, all students (regardless of vaccination status) in kindergarten through the 12th grade are required to wear a mask or face covering (a) while attending school or a school function in any school building and (b) when riding in school-provided transportation, including buses. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the student. Students shall wear masks and face coverings at all times **except** for the following:

- Students may remove masks and face coverings for eating or drinking;
- Students may be exempted from this policy due to a documented medical condition or disability for the current school year by a licensed healthcare provider or the Superintendent of Schools;
- Students may remove masks and face coverings on a case-by-case basis for specific instructional needs, including physical education activities, as determined by building administration at the request of the teacher, in which case the teacher will require appropriate social distancing measures to the extent possible;

Students who fail to wear PPE when necessary at school or at a school function under this Exposure Control and Continuity of Services Plan shall be subject to enforcement consistent with District Policy.

EMPLOYEES

Until further notice, all district employees (regardless of vaccination status) shall be required to wear a mask or face covering (a) while attending school or a school function in any school building and (b) when riding in school-provided transportation, including buses. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the employee. Employees shall wear masks and face coverings at all times **except** for the following:

- Employees may remove masks and face coverings for eating and drinking;
- Employees may remove masks and face coverings when appropriate social distancing measures are in place-i.e. working in an office alone;

- Employees may be exempted from this policy due to a documented medical condition or disability for the current school year by a licensed healthcare provider or the Superintendent of Schools;

Employees who fail to wear PPE when necessary at school or at a school function under this Exposure Control and Continuity of Services Plan shall be subject to enforcement consistent with District Policy.

VISITORS/ATHLETICS

All visitors to school campuses (regardless of vaccination status) shall be required to wear a mask or face covering while present in a school building. All masks and face coverings must cover the nose and mouth of the visitor. The principal or school administrator shall deny entrance into the building for lack of compliance.

Athletics and other appropriate activities will continue to adhere to all guidelines set by the Arkansas Department of Health and the Arkansas Activities Association.

Masks with valves are not allowed.

Masks may be required at other times and locations not specified in this resolution, (as determined by the superintendent at the request of a building principal), including but not limited to, outdoor spaces where large gatherings may occur and appropriate social distancing is not possible.