

**Magazine School District
Ready for Learning Plan 21-22**

We value your input as we plan for the remainder of the school year. Please provide us with your thoughts and opinions at feedback@magazinek12.com .

Current Guidance: Post Links to ADH Guidance on the district website for easy reference by the public.

Considerations:

- **Current Guidance**

The Arkansas Department of Health and Arkansas Department of Education strongly advise districts to continue to follow all measures that have allowed successful in-person learning to occur.

- The success can be attributed to the multiple layers of mitigation strategies that have been implemented by schools, such as social distancing, reduced class sizes, mask wearing, disinfecting and cleaning, handwashing, and physical distancing to the extent practical.

Masks: Provide a narrative of the local school board directive concerning masks for the remainder of the school year. Add a link to any necessary policy or procedure or school board resolution.

On August 12, 2021 during a regular board meeting the board elected to not mandate masks but to strongly encourage use of masks when social distancing is not feasible. The board elected instead to emphasize the importance of personal hygiene, hand washing, and general healthy practice of diet and exercise to strengthen the immune system. The Board reserves the right to revisit this issue at any time.

Board Minutes:

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Considerations:

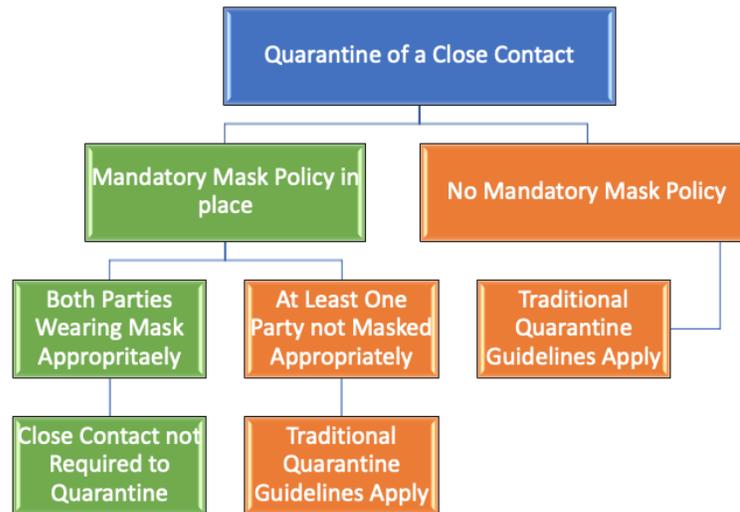
- **Masks-Continuation of mask policies and proper wearing have benefits**

A school system may continue to require the use of masks for adults or students for whom it is developmentally appropriate.

- Local school district boards must review current policy and determine whether to **continue, modify, or eliminate by formal action** policies that require the wearing of masks.
- If the district elects to continue a universal mask policy:

- Proper mask wearing may be a consideration when identifying individuals as close contacts in K-12 schools that continue to implement mask requirements. This means that if both individuals – the person diagnosed with COVID-19 and the person exposed to the positive case – were wearing masks correctly at the time of exposure, the individual exposed does not need to quarantine.
- When making decisions districts should consider approaches that are safest for a variety of situations, such as, *buses, classrooms, lunchrooms, hallways, activity and special event spaces* to determine the extent and impact of changes.

- **Close Contact Identification**



Physical Distancing: Provide a narrative of the local school board directive concerning physical distancing for the remainder of the school year. Add a link to any necessary policy or procedure or school board resolution.

The district will follow state guidelines concerning safety protocols and comply with Arkansas Department of Health directives.

The CDC has updated guidance to reflect the latest science on physical distance between students in classrooms.

- CDC now recommends that, with universal masking, students can maintain a distance of at least 3 feet in classroom settings.
- The CDC still recommends social distancing of 6 feet between adults, as well as adults and students, in common areas, when masks can't be worn (such as while eating), during activities with increased inhalation like sports or band practice (which would preferably be held outside), and in community settings outside the classroom.

Board Minutes:

https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/916575/09_Minutes_August_13_2020.pdf

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Responding to Confirmed Positive Cases: Provide a narrative describing how the local district will respond to a confirmed positive case of Covid-19 based on their local masking/physical distancing policy/procedure. Identify any pertinent information related to Points of Contact (POC) and ADH public hotlines.

Considerations:

- **Responding**

Schools are still responsible for responding to confirmed cases within the school district. Identifying close contacts/quarantines

Under this updated guidance, there are factors that change prior rules for quarantine.

- Schools with **mask mandates** that promote **proper mask wearing** may now exempt individuals from being identified as close contacts in K-12 schools if **both** the confirmed and exposed individuals are properly masked.
- **A fully vaccinated individual** does not need to stay at home following close contact exposure to a test-confirmed individual if certain conditions are met
- Individuals who **previously have had COVID-19 and recovered and are within 3 months of their original diagnosis** may not have to quarantine

Continuation of Services: Provide a narrative of how the local district will continue to provide in-person learning. A link to an updated Ready for Learning Plan may be sufficient. Identify how public comment will be made available and how feedback will be taken into account.

The district will follow state guidelines concerning safety protocols and comply with Arkansas Department of Health directives. The district will continue to follow the Ready for Learning Plan to provide in-person learning.

Ready for Learning Plan:

https://core-docs.s3.amazonaws.com/documents/asset/uploaded_file/882211/Magazine_Ready_for_Learning_Plan_1_.pdf

Public comment will be made available through a feedback link on the district webpage. The Ready for Learning Committee will regularly review the comments and take those comments into account when revising the plan.

Considerations:

- **Continuation of Services**

As part of the American Rescue Plan Act, school districts must post for parents and the general public a summary of its plan for safe continuation of in-person learning and continuity of services.

- Summarize the overall plan of how the district will continue to implement safety measures for teachers, staff, and students during the final quarter of the school year, while taking into consideration the many end-of-school activities that take place both on and off school campuses. (Please note that this is a summary of the plan the district already has in place; not the creation of a new plan.)
- The summary should be developed in consultation with the district's Ready for Learning Committee
- District must post plan on website by April 15, 2021, and allow for public comment

Summer and Back-to-School Planning: Provide a narrative of how the local district will develop or modify the Ready for Learning Plan for summer and back-to-school activities. Identify how public comment will be made available, possibly linked on the district website, and how feedback will be taken into consideration when developing the plan.

The district will continue to follow the Ready for Learning Plan for summer and back-to-school activities. The Ready for Learning Plan will be updated and revised by the Ready for Learning committee as needed throughout the year.

Public comment will be made available through a feedback link on the district webpage. The Ready for Learning Committee will regularly review the comments and take those comments into account when revising the plan.

Considerations:

- **Summer and Back-to-School Planning**

Districts receiving American Rescue Plan Act funds must request public comment and take such comments into account in the development/modification of the plan for summer and back-to-school activities.

- Districts should archive the posting, along with public comments, for future auditing purposes.