

# **Updated School Guidance Highlights** July 27, 2021

# **Layer Prevention Strategies**

A portion of the school population is not eligible to be vaccinated. Layered prevention strategies are important to help protect those not vaccinated.

#### Factors to consider:

- Level of community transmission of COVID-19.
- COVID-19 vaccination coverage in the community and among students, teachers, and staff.
  Use of a frequent SARS-CoV-2 screening testing program for students, teachers, and staff who are not fully vaccinated.
- Testing provides an important layer of prevention, particularly in areas with substantial to high community transmission levels.
- COVID-19 outbreaks or increasing trends in the school or surrounding community.
- Ages of children served by K-12 schools and the associated social and behavioral factors that may affect risk of transmission and the feasibility of different prevention strategies.



Promote Vaccination

Consistent &

Mask Usage

Physical

Distancing



Ventilation



Etiquette



Staving Tracing When Sick





Cleaning & Disinfecting

Mask Usage

## Indoor

Universal masking is recommended for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors regardless of vaccination status.

## **Exclusions**:

- A person with a documented disability who
  - cannot wear a mask or safely wear a mask, because of the disability as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act

## Outdoor

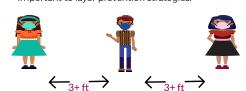
In areas of substantial to high

transmission, CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that I involve sustained close contact with other people who are not fully vaccinated.

# **Physical Distancing**

Implement physical distancing to the extent possible.

CDC recommends at least 3 feet of distancing If 3 feet cannot be maintained, it is especially important to layer prevention strategies.



Masks must be worn on buses, under CDC's mask order.

## **Update to School Close Contact Definition**

In the K-12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where:

Both students were engaged in **consistent and correct use of well-fitting face masks**;

This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.

\*Fully vaccinated people do not need to quarantine, unless they have symptoms.

