



## Marion County Board of Education

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Dear Families:

Effective January 4, 2022, Marion County Schools, in collaboration with the Marion County Health Department, has extended the mask mandate from the end of first semester (Jan. 14) to March 1 when it will be reassessed.

In light of the new CDC guidelines issued recently, MCS will return to classes the week of January 3, 2022 with the following protocols:

- Mask mandate extended from end of first semester (January 14) through March 1, 2022 (and will reassess) inside all Marion County Schools and extracurricular events or school-sponsored events/activities
- 5-day quarantine period for positive students and staff
- Close contacts must still quarantine for 5 days
- Notification to families of positives cases in schools and on busses

Remember, “isolation” is for positive COVID-19 cases. A positive case must remain home for 5 days and wear a mask while quarantined at home. Day 1 begins 48 hours prior to onset of symptoms. If you are not having symptoms, Day 1 begins on the date of the positive test.

The term “quarantine” is for close contacts of a positive case in MCS. Please see the chart below for quarantine guidance.

If you are notified by MCS of possible exposure to someone with COVID-19 and receive a notification of quarantine:

<b><i>I HAVE:</i></b>		
	Received the booster	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wear a mask</li> <li>• If you develop symptoms, stay home.</li> <li>• Test on day 5 (optional)</li> <li>• Return to school on Day 6 of quarantine</li> </ul>
	Completed the primary series (shots 1 and 2) of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine within last 6 months	
	Completed the primary series (shots 1 and 2) of J&J vaccine within last 2 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay home for 5 days; wear a mask while on quarantine at home for 10 days total at home</li> <li>• Test on day 5 (optional)</li> <li>• If you develop symptoms, get a test and stay home.</li> <li>• Return to school on Day 6 of quarantine if not experiencing symptoms</li> </ul>
	Completed the primary series (shots 1 and 2) of Pfizer or Moderna vaccine over 6 months ago and are not boosted	
	Completed the primary series (shots 1 and 2) of J&J over 2 months ago and are not boosted	
	Are not vaccinated for COVID-19	