



January 28, 2022

Dear Galesburg-Augusta Families and Staff:

Starting Monday, Jan 31, 2022, the Board's masking decision in August, 2021, will be put back in place. While the CDC and the District continue to highly encourage students to wear masks, we will now allow parents to choose whether their child continues to wear a mask in school. This will be for all PreK-12th grade students and staff during the school day. Masks are still required on school buses. Please trust that our administration will continue to closely monitor the data both in school and in Kalamazoo County. We will also continue to meet with county health officials.

Additionally, new quarantine guidelines have been developed by our local Kalamazoo County Health Department in order to help keep students and staff in school for teaching and learning. These guidelines do not change the protocols for students or staff who test positive for Covid-19.

#### Positive Test Results (remain the same)

- Vaccinated or Unvaccinated
  - Student//Staff will isolate for 5 days from the start of symptoms or test date and may return to school on day 6
  - Student/Staff must wear a mask and monitor for symptoms for days 6-10
  - Student may not return if fever is still present

### **Guidelines for Exposure to a Covid Positive Individual**

#### Exposure at School

Starting Monday, Jan 31, 2022, the following protocols for staff/students who may be presumed to be close contacts of an individual who test positive or identified to be a close contact :

- Presumptive Contact (Vaccinated or Unvaccinated) in a school-related activity (in the same classroom, cafeteria, library, etc.)
  - Student//Staff will be allowed to stay in school
  - Communication will be sent home to families of presumptive close contacts
  - Parents and students will need to monitor for symptoms for 10 days

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- The District will utilize rapid testing should a student or staff member become symptomatic
- Close Contact (easily-identifiable--i.e., same learning pod, learning partners; within 3 feet for more than 15 minutes)
  - Student//Staff will be able to remain at school and test on day 4
  - You will receive a call home from the district identifying the student as a close contact
  - The Student//Staff will be required to mask for 10 days and monitor for symptoms

#### Exposure at Home

A staff or student who is exposed to an individual outside of school will follow these guidelines:

- If the Student//Staff is **vaccinated** or has had COVID (within the last 90 days)
  - He/She may continue to remain at school and mask for 10 days
- If the Student//Staff is **NOT** vaccinated:
  - He/She may continue to remain at school and mask for 10 days, but is required to test on days 4 and 7
  - If a parent chooses not to test, the student must quarantine for 10 days (from the start of positive person's symptoms or test date).

Safety is our first priority for children and adults. Thank you for your patience as we continue to navigate the changes through this pandemic.

Sincerely,

Wendy Maynard-Somers  
Superintendent

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