

*East Noble School Corporation will continue the 2021-2022 school year with in-person instruction only and follow basic protocols for preventing the spread of COVID and any other communicable illnesses based on guidance provided by the Indiana and the Noble County Department of Health.*

### HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

#### Hand Washing

Regular hand washing and hand sanitizer usage will be encouraged throughout the school day.

#### Masks

Masks are optional except on school buses. The federal mandate is still in effect and requires any individual riding a school bus to wear a mask.

#### Stay Home if Sick

Families are asked to regularly screen their children and keep them home if ill or presenting COVID like symptoms.

#### Visitors/Volunteers

Visitors are now allowed into the buildings by principal approval.

### Updated Guidance

The below guidance was communicated to schools from the IDOH on February 17.

#### COVID protocol:

- ⇒ Individuals who suspect a COVID infection should get tested and isolate at home to protect others (stay home when sick).
- ⇒ COVID positive students and staff will be required to isolate for five days from symptom onset or date of testing if no symptoms per CDC guidelines. They may return on day 6 as long as they have been fever free for 24hrs without the use of fever reducing medications and symptoms have improved. A mask is recommended to be worn upon return to school on days 6-10, but not required.
- ⇒ IDOH no longer recommends contact tracing and quarantining in school. Therefore, EN will no longer require either contact tracing or quarantines.
- ⇒ Individuals are responsible to notify their close contacts if they become COVID positive. This is no longer the responsibility of the each school.
- ⇒ The highest risk of transmission to others occurs prior to symptoms or during the first few days of symptomatic illness- contact tracing occurs too late per IDOH.
- ⇒ Students will be marked absent if they choose to stay home for a close contact situation unless they develop symptoms.
- ⇒ COVID positive Pre-K students will isolate at home for 7 days and may return on day 8. Parents will be contacted individually regarding a plan to return.
- ⇒ Extracurricular activities will also follow the above protocol changes.

#### School procedures:

- ⇒ EN will continue our daily cleaning procedures but eliminate cleaning between class transitions.
- ⇒ EN schools will now return to flexible classroom seating arrangements.