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2021-2022 COVID-19 PLAN

(SUBJECT TO CHANGE BASED ON THE COVID POSITIVITY RATE AND BOARD OF HEALTH GUIDELINES)

Masks and Contact Tracing

● As of July 1, 2021, local school boards of public K-12 education institutions will be responsible for implementing whatever measures and restrictions deemed necessary and prudent to address the impact and spread of COVID-19 for their buildings, facilities and grounds, to include transportation. Educational governing bodies are encouraged to follow CDC guidance and any guidance that may be issued by the Indiana Departments of Health and Education.

On September 1, 2021, the governor issued Executive Order 21-24 with directives specific to public school corporations. The order took effect September 2, 2021. Based on this new order, the Indiana Department of Health revised school quarantine guidance that eliminates the requirement of a close contact to quarantine if the person testing positive is wearing a mask and all close contacts are wearing masks. With this new guidance, the Monroe-Gregg School District is modifying its 2021-2022 COVID 19 Plan to require all staff and students to wear masks while inside the buildings.

School Day

- In-person instruction will be provided 5 days a week.
- E-learning will be an option for families who prefer to keep students at home.

Practicing Prevention

- Teach and reinforce good hygiene measures such as handwashing and covering coughs.
- Provide hand soap and hand sanitizer, paper towels, and no touch trash cans in all bathrooms, classrooms and frequently trafficked areas.
- Clean/disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Turn off the water fountains except for water filling stations and encourage students and staff to bring water bottles from home.
- Ensure ventilation systems operate properly and increase circulation of outdoor air as much as possible, as long as this does not pose a safety or health risk to students or staff.
- Conduct deep cleaning of schools prior to students/staff returning; schedule additional cleanings as needed.
- Continue established COVID-19 protocol for students/staff who feel ill/experience symptoms when they come to school.
- Limit visitors and volunteers when students are present. Screen prior to interactions with students or staff.

Transporting Students

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - Require bus drivers to wear face masks/coverings per the duration of the federal transportation mask mandate.

- Students wear face masks/coverings per the duration of the federal transportation mask mandate.
- Students must sit in assigned seats.
- No guest riders unless pre-approved due to a supervision issue or split households.
- Inspecting buses prior to students returning and as a part of regular rotation.
- Increased cleaning and disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces on buses.
- Airing out buses when not in use.

Transitioning

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - Encourage students to avoid congregating during passing periods or by lockers.
 - Conducting cleaning of hallways and high-touch surfaces throughout the school day.
 - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff at entrances to classrooms.

Conducting Large Group Gatherings

- Implement standard operating procedures while taking preventative measures such as:
 - Providing hand sanitizer for students and staff.
 - Limiting unnecessary congregations of students and staff.
 - Follow any Indiana High School Athletic Association (IHSAA), Indiana State School Music Association (ISSMA), or other extra-curricular/co-curricular governing bodies guidelines for performances, and practices.
 - Submit plans to the local health department for recurring and special events when requested.

Communication

- Plan changes and updates will be shared through “Parent Square”.

This policy update becomes effective on September 15, 2021 and will be reviewed in thirty days.

Approved: September 13, 2021

This policy was reviewed by the Monroe-Gregg Board of School Trustees and public comments were taken. 11-30-2021