



Return to Learning Covid-19 Protocol update Fall 21-22

Educating students safely is our number one priority at Trotwood-Madison City Schools. For the 2021-2022 school year, we will strategically balance personal freedoms with safety to ensure our students can learn in-person, five days a week. This plan has been designed to mitigate risk for our students, staff and community. We look forward to enjoying a more typical school year upon our return to academic buildings in August.

Safety protocols for the 2021-22 School year are as follow:

Facial Coverings in Buildings: All students and staff will wear mask at the start of the 2021-22 School Year. The district will work with PHDMC to monitor virus in the community and will re-visit the masking policy at the end of the first quarter of the school year and possibly earlier if recommendations from our local, state and national health departments change.

CDC recommended guidance for k-12: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>

Facial Coverings on School Transportation: The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This requirement is regardless of vaccination status. All Trotwood-Madison City Schools transportation services will follow applicable federal rules and regulations listed below. Learn more at the CDC's Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools page.

CDC recommended guidance for public transportation including school buses: <https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/masks/mask-travel-guidance.html>

Social Distancing: In most cases, students will be seated and functioning in the classroom as they were prior to the pandemic. Where possible, teachers will attempt to space students 3 feet apart; however, there may be instructional circumstances where social distancing may be at 1 to 2 feet.

Handwashing/hand sanitizing: District staff will ensure literature on proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette is placed in all common eating areas and restrooms. These procedures will also be reviewed with students in classrooms at the beginning of the school year and after winter break. Handwashing and sanitation stations will still be stationed in several areas across all district buildings.

Contract Tracing: Under the modified quarantine procedures, unvaccinated students who have been exposed to COVID-19 in school settings can continue to attend school and participate in sports and extra-curricular activities if both students were wearing mask consistently and correctly and other layered prevention strategies including appropriate social distancing, hand sanitizing/and or washing were in place.

Fully vaccinated staff or students do not have to quarantine.

Facilities: Custodial staff will continue the daily surface cleaning and disinfecting of common areas and classrooms. Staff members will also be provided cleaning supplies to continue those processes to individual levels of comfort on a daily basis. Water bottle filling stations will remain the sole source of drinking water for students and staff indefinitely.

Vaccinations: Trotwood-Madison City Schools will continue to share information with students, staff and parents/guardians about vaccination opportunities and encouraging those eligible for the vaccine to consider it. The district will not mandate the shot in any way. The district will also continue to work with local providers to offer vaccination clinics and provide information about the vaccine.

Technology: Trotwood-Madison City Schools is a full 1:1 district regarding student to device ratio, meaning that all students will have a Chromebook assigned directly to them for learning.

During 2021-2022, students in Grades PK-3 will use technological devices for daily classroom activities and completing assignments. Those devices will be housed in the building while a second device will be assigned to these students to use at their home.

Students 4-12 will receive a single device that they will be responsible for taking back and forth from home to school on a daily basis.

In the event a COVID-19-related quarantine or illness impacts a student's ability to attend school, the building principal will create a plan specific to that student to ensure continuity of learning through Google Classroom. This continuity plan is on for the duration of the quarantine or isolation period.

As the district has detailed through the entire pandemic, we will continue to monitor the guidance set forth by Public Health Dayton Montgomery County, the Ohio Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. In the event guidance is altered by those organizations, the district will update protocol to adhere to any detailed changes.

If you have any questions feel free to reach out. Thank you for your commitment to the health and safety over the last several months.