



# **2021-22 Back to School Plan**

Center Grove COVID-19 Response

# Recommendations from the IDH



- Masks recommended for all unvaccinated individuals while indoors
- Social distancing of at least 3 feet if all students are facing forward in the classroom; social distance at least 6 feet in all other areas of the school
- Individuals should stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result.
- If all students are masked and facing forward in the classroom, only individuals within 3 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period would need to quarantine if not vaccinated.
- If all students are not masked and facing forward in the classroom, all individuals within 6 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period would need to quarantine if not vaccinated..
- Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions), day 11 (with precautions), or day 15 (without testing or precautions).

# Recommendations from the JCHD

- Schools must continue to contact trace positive cases
- Schools may use the 3' distance regardless of mask wearing
  - This distance will also apply in the cafeteria
- Individuals may return on day 11 without a negative test and without enhanced precautions.
- Positive tests will allow an individual to avoid quarantine for 6-months.
  - At home tests will not be allowed for this. It should be an independent test.
- Schools may accept a positive antibody test in order to eliminate the need for quarantine due to exposure.
- JCHD has rapid test available with no appointment necessary.

# Local Control & Responsibility



After **July 1, 2021**,

local school boards 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, including transportation.

# Vaccination Rates in our Community



**46142 - 61.7%**

North of Smith Valley Road & Greenwood

**46143 - 63.1%**

Smith Valley Road to Whiteland Road & stretching into Clark Township

**46106 - 71.3%**

Bargersville & stretching to SR 44

# Masks/Face Coverings



Face coverings will be **OPTIONAL** under most circumstances. This includes:

- Classrooms, hallways, cafeterias, athletic facilities
- There is a federal mandate, per CDC order, for individuals to wear a face covering regardless of vaccination status. Center Grove bus drivers will not refuse transporting a student due to the lack of a face covering.

Situations where face coverings may be required:

- Individuals who are identified as close contacts, and who are quarantined, will need to wear a face covering on days 8-11 following their exposure to return to school.
- Within the school clinics

# Social Distancing/Seating



## Elementary Schools

- Classrooms shall continue with the use of student pods with a goal of 3' distance where possible
- Cafeterias may reduce social distancing with a goal of 3' distance where possible
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, social distancing should increase to at least 6 feet where possible
- Recess returns to normal
- Field trips may resume

## Secondary Schools

- Classrooms return to normal seating with a goal of 3' distance where possible
- Cafeterias may return to normal seating with a goal of 3' distance where possible
- During activities when increased exhalation occurs, social distancing should increase to at least 6 feet where possible
- ECA's return to normal
- Field trips may resume



# Positive Cases/Contact Tracing

- Individuals should stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result. Parents should contact the school and may be asked to provide documentation from a medical provider.
- Contact tracing will take place for every positive case in Center Grove Schools.
- Parent/Guardians will be notified via email and ParentSquare if their child has been identified as a close contact
- Parents may choose to quarantine their students\*

***\* Center Grove is still awaiting guidance from the IDOE on whether, or not, these absences will be exempt as they were in 2020-21.***



# Quarantine Guidance



**Indiana**  
Department  
of  
**Health**

Per Indiana Code (410 IAC 1-2.5), ALL individuals identified as close contacts **MUST** be quarantined from school

The Johnson County Health Department defines a close contact as an individual within 3' or less for at least 15 minutes regardless of the wearing of masks.

Quarantine length is 10 days following the exposure.

Cases of physical contact, such as athletics or extra/co-curricular activities, will be handled on a case-by-case basis, as the need for quarantine will depend on the type of contact.



# RETURNING FROM QUARANTINE

Center Grove will allow two (2) options to return from quarantine if asymptomatic.

## DAY 8

- No symptoms
- Negative test administered on Day 8 after exposure or later
- Agree to follow enhanced precautions until Day 11.\*

## DAY 11

- No symptoms
- 11 days or later past exposure
- No test needed
- No enhanced precautions needed.

**All individuals identified as a close contact will not have to quarantine if they meet one of these conditions:**

1. Proof of being fully vaccinated; OR
2. Proof of an independent positive COVID test within the past 6 months (*no at-home test results will be accepted*); OR
3. Proof of an antibody test within the past 6 months.

### **\*Enhanced Precautions:**

- Face coverings must be worn at all times on bus and during school day, no exceptions.
- Distance of at least 3 feet from others when inside the classroom, forward facing and receiving instruction during the school day.
- Lunch to be eaten separately from others as face covering will be off when eating, remaining 6 feet from others.
- Symptom monitoring daily by parents and if needed by school staff during the school day.

# Visitors to Our Schools



- Visitors will be allowed for school events outside of the school day
- Volunteers should wear a mask while in the building. Volunteers may provide proof of vaccination or proof of an independent, positive COVID test within the prior 6-months, to be excluded from mask wearing.
- Lunch time visitors will not be allowed in the elementary schools due to social distancing in the cafeterias.
- Building rental will resume. Visitors should either be vaccinated or wear a mask while in the building.



# Continued Focus on Hygiene/Cleaning

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds whenever hands are visibly soiled and in the following situations:
  - Before and after meals and snacks
  - Before and after recess
  - Before and after sharing supplies or equipment
  - After going to the restroom
- Hand sanitizer will continue to be available.
- High touch areas will continue to be cleaned and sanitized more frequently like last year.
- Continue improvement of air filtration systems
- Bottle-fillers are available in every building



# Summary of Recommendations

- Masks will be OPTIONAL under most circumstances.
- Elementary classrooms will continue to use pods, secondary classrooms will return to normal seating with a goal of 3' distance where possible. Social distance to the extent possible at least 6' in all other areas of the school
- Individuals shall stay home for 10 days following the onset of symptoms or a positive test result.
- Regardless of masking, only individuals identified by the school corporation to be within 3 feet of a person diagnosed with COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period would need to quarantine if not vaccinated.
- Asymptomatic close contacts may return on day 8 (with specific negative testing and precautions) or on day 11 (without testing or precautions).



## Summary of Recommendations (cont'd.)

- Center Grove shall monitor COVID-related absences to determine the use of quarantining to control the spread.
- Center Grove will maintain a COVID dashboard online to inform parents of the current cases and percentage of COVID-related absences.
- Center Grove will work with the JCHD to offer rapid testing option onsite.
- Dr. Arkanoff will be given the authority to adjust this plan throughout the school year, after consultation with the School Board and Corporation Administration:
  - Changes may be made based on increased or decreased spread in our school corporation and/or community.
  - Changes may be made based on new requirements/mandates from the Johnson County Health Department and/or the Indiana Department of Health.
  - Dr. Arkanoff will inform the board if changes are being considered and will provide an update at the next board meeting for public comment.