

MDHHS UPDATED MASK REQUIREMENT

Dear Bobcat Families,

I am emailing with updated communication regarding our health and safety efforts for summer school. As many of you heard on Thursday, June 17, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) rescinded emergency orders requiring face masks. **As of Tuesday, June 22, facemasks will no longer be required, regardless of vaccination status and mostly all of the other restrictions have been lifted.**

It is important to continue to follow protocols that keep us safe, including staying home if you are sick, disinfecting spaces, being diligent to social distance, and daily health screening and positive case reporting. Below are the health and safety protocols we are going to continue to implement:

1. **Masking:** Masks are optional. It is important to note that some students and employees may still choose to wear masks even if they are not required to do so, and we support them in this choice.
2. **Screening:** We will continue to screen daily for all people entering the school building. Staff should continue daily Crisis Go check-in and students and visitors should be screened before entry.
3. **Social Distancing:** We will maintain a consistent distance between individuals of a minimum of three feet whenever possible.
4. **Reporting:** Summer School programs must report positive cases of COVID-19 to the local health department within 24 hours.
5. **Contact Tracing:** Schools are required to notify close contacts of their exposure to a positive case after reporting this to the local health department. The local health department will continue to provide guidance on next steps.
6. **Quarantine:** Fully vaccinated people and school close contacts are not required to quarantine. Unvaccinated students and school personnel who are close contacts in an outbreak situation, or who are household contacts of a COVID-19 positive person, must remain out of school during their quarantine period.

Looking to the fall

Feedback is still being collected from the state that will give direction on what the fall will look like for schools. As soon as we have this information, we will share it with the school community.

For questions or clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out to me. Again, thank you for your continued support today and everyday!

Sincerely,

Tim Harris, School Leader