

May 11, 2021

Hello SDNB staff and families,

Waukesha County continues to recommend that schools maintain their COVID-19 mitigation strategies, which for the SDNB include requiring masking indoors, social distancing, utilizing plexiglass partitions and more. We will continue these practices through the rest of the school year, but will adopt the County's new guidance related to quarantining, effective immediately.



The County's new recommendation, [announced Thursday](#) and approved by the School Board last night, relaxes quarantine guidance to allow students possibly exposed to COVID-19 **in school settings only** to continue in-person learning, if the following conditions are met:

- The school has committed to COVID-19 prevention policies, which include the following: mask wearing, implementing strategies to maximize distance between students, handwashing, ventilation and management of students exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19.
- Close contacts remain symptom-free and agree to self-monitor for symptoms a full 14 days following exposure; close contacts will immediately remove themselves from the school environment if symptoms develop.
- Close contacts strongly consider getting tested on day 6 or 7 after exposure to help identify asymptomatic spread.
- NOTE: Some exceptions apply when it comes to athletics and WIAA requirements. Student-athletes will receive more information in the near future.

It is important to note that individuals possibly exposed to COVID-19 in the home or in a setting outside of school are still required to follow the CDC-suggested quarantine guidelines, found [HERE](#). Also, the SDNB will continue to conduct contact tracing and will continue to contact families of students who are considered close contacts of individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

Additionally, last night the Board made masking outdoors for all students and staff recommended, rather than required, also effective immediately. This means that students and staff outside for recess, class or any other circumstance are no longer required to wear masks.

Finally, at last night's meeting, the School Board also directed the administration to further develop plans and recommendations regarding COVID-19 mitigation strategies for summer school and the start of the 2021-22 school year. We are in the process of doing so for both and plan to share more information with the Board regarding summer school and school-sponsored summer programming at the next regularly scheduled meeting Monday, May 24. Plans for next fall will be shared later this summer as we continue to gather stakeholder feedback and monitor and weigh the ever-evolving updates related to the pandemic.

Thank you,

Joe Garza, Superintendent