

2021 Current SDNB COVID - 19 Mitigation Strategies

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HEALTH AND SAFETY

Mitigation Measures and Masks / Face Coverings

Building Level	Mitigations in Place (Spring 2021)
All Levels	<p>Masking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facial coverings will be recommended throughout the day for students, staff and all others inside or outside the building.• Any disability-related concerns regarding masking should continue to be addressed with the student's IEP or 504 teams for consideration. <p>Hand sanitizing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hand sanitizing supplies will be readily available in all settings.• Students will continue to sanitize before and after the use of shared supplies. <p>Cleaning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cleaning protocols will remain the same. <p>Other Safety Strategies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Social distancing will continue to be maintained to the extent possible.• Plexiglass will continue to be used as a barrier between students sitting at tables or in close proximity to each other.• Water filling stations will be available for filling bottles; drinking fountains will not be available for use.

Family Expectations

- If your students are sick, keep them home. Keep up daily temperature checks and self monitoring for symptoms.
- Students who are symptomatic of COVID will be given a separate place to wait to be picked up by a parent.

Guests

- No field trips or face-to-face guest speakers (with the exception of a college or job interview).
- No visitors.

Meetings

- Meetings with parents will continue to be done virtually.
- Meetings between staff members will be done virtually, or in person with a required distance of 6 feet, if both parties agree to a face to face meeting.
- There will be no indoor large group gatherings or meetings during school hours for staff nor students throughout the end of the year.

Classroom Structure

- Teachers will continue to maintain seating charts for contact tracing purposes.
- Classes will not be divided into masked and unmasked sections.

Contact Tracing

AS OF MAY 12: What is the new Waukesha County-recommended guidance related to quarantining for students possibly exposed to COVID-19 in school settings?

Waukesha County's recommendation, [announced May 6](#) and approved by the School Board on May 10, 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.

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.

- If you are identified as a close contact in SDNB you DO NOT have to quarantine if you
 1. Are wearing a mask when you came into contact OR
 2. Are fully vaccinated (meaning 2 weeks have passed since your 2nd vaccine, or 1st if it is J&J. OR
 3. You have tested positive for covid in the 90 days previous to being identified.

- If you are identified as a close contact in SDNB you DO have to quarantine if you
 1. Are not wearing a mask OR
 2. Are not vaccinated OR
 3. Have not tested positive for covid in the 90 days previous to being identified.

- If you are identified as a close contact outside of school, and you are not fully vaccinated or have not tested positive for covid in the last 90 days you will have to follow the 10 days quarantine (or 7 if they test neg on the 6th day after contact)

UPDATED MAY 12 - What are the new CDC, DHS and Waukesha County guidelines related to asymptomatic close contact quarantines, and will the SDNB follow them?

As of Monday, Dec. 14, the SDNB shortened the required quarantine for asymptomatic close contacts **in non-school settings** to the following:

- **10 days:** if the asymptomatic individual does not get a COVID-19 test; self-quarantines for 10 full days after last contact with COVID-19 positive individual; monitors an additional four days for symptoms; and, if possible, continues to stay away from others, especially high-risk individuals.
- **7 days:** if the asymptomatic person is tested for COVID-19 no earlier than the sixth day after the last day of contact and test results are negative; self-quarantines for seven full days; monitors an additional seven days for symptoms; and, if possible, continues to stay away from others, especially high-risk individuals.

	<p>There are several important notes about the new quarantine guidelines that families must keep in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Asymptomatic close contacts who choose to get tested must do so using an FDA-approved PCR or antigen test; rapid tests have a higher rate of producing false negative results, and the results cannot be used to shorten a quarantine period. This is consistent with county, DHS and CDC recommendations. Test results must be emailed to pamela.jesse@nbexcellence.org for review before a student can return to school. Household close contacts that cannot separate themselves are continuously exposed and need to stay quarantined for as long as they are exposed to someone infectious, plus the 7-10 days after they are no longer exposed. The CDC, DHS and Waukesha County all concur that a 14-day quarantine remains the best option as it can take up to 14 days after exposure to the virus for a person to develop symptoms. Families should continue to consider 14-day quarantines for their child(ren) when possible. <p>Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Due to federal regulations, masks will still be required on any district-provided transportation. This applies to drivers and riders.
Elementary	<p>Virtual Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual programming will continue to be an option for students. If a face-to-face learner chooses to attend virtually given the mask requirement change, the student will be instructed in the same manner as if they were a quarantined student.
Secondary	<p>Virtual Programming</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A virtual option is still available until the end of the year. To switch to virtual, please contact your child's school attendance office. <p>Lunch</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students will continue lunch protocols for social distancing purposes. <p>Hallways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Secondary buildings will continue to utilize one-way hallways.

COVID-19 CASE Scenarios / Protocols

When should a student be kept home from school?

Please go through the following symptom checklist with your student every day before sending them to school. If your student has these symptoms, keep the student home and call your healthcare provider and the school attendance office.

If you have one of the following:

- Fever/chills/body aches (fever defined as > 100 degrees)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- New loss of taste or smell

OR at least two of the following (with no other confirmed cause, like seasonal allergies):

- Nasal congestion or runny nose
- Muscle or body aches
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Sore throat
- Nausea

[CDC guidelines if you are sick](#)

Who do I call if my child has symptoms and/or cannot attend school due to a positive COVID-19 test, COVID-19 symptoms, or a quarantine?

Please notify your home school's attendance secretary to report an absence.

Additionally, contact Pam Jesse, SDNB district nurse, at pam.jesse@nbexcellence.org

ACTIVITIES AND ATHLETICS

Mitigation Measures and Direction through 2020-2021

Student Expectations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Temperature check at home before coming to a workout, practice, contest or camp.● If you are feeling ill do not come to the workout, practice, contest or camp. Please inform your coach.● Student-athletes will be required to have their own water bottle for practices, contests and camps.● Hand sanitizer stations will be available from your coaches. We encourage student-athletes to sanitize their hands before and after workouts.● Social distancing will be maintained during warm-ups, rest breaks, and cool downs.
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Face masks are recommended indoors and outdoors. ● Be respectful to everyone including those who choose to wear or not wear a mask. ● Locker rooms may only be used if supervised by a staff member. If used, locker rooms are for changing purposes only. The locker room may not be used for socializing or gathering. ● When traveling, the host school expectations must be followed along with WIAA expectations for the end of season tournament series.
Coaches/ Leadership Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Student-athletes will maintain social distancing during warm-ups, rest breaks, cool downs and whenever possible beyond those times. ● Assign cohort groups when possible to limit close contacts. ● Maintain daily attendance records at all workouts, camp sessions and or events at all levels to facilitate contact tracing if necessary. ● Be respectful to anyone who chooses to wear or not wear a mask. ● The head coach (or camp director) will be the COVID point of contact if a positive case arises in their sport or team. If a positive case arises, notify a school administrator immediately. ● Sanitize equipment whenever possible during workouts, contests or camps and especially before the next group that comes in and uses the same equipment. ● Locker rooms may only be used if supervised by a staff member. If used, locker rooms are for changing purposes only. The locker room may not be used for socializing or gathering. ● Contact district nurse, athletic trainer and athletic director for support when needed. ● When traveling, the host school expectations must be followed along with WIAA expectations for the end of season tournament series.

WIAA Clarification:

Regardless of the County's stance or the school district's decision to change quarantining guidelines, student-athletes must still be subject to a 14-day quarantine protocol in order to be eligible for WIAA post season play. Therefore, student-athletes will be subject to quarantine if they are identified as a close contact to a positive case within 15 days prior to the start of their sport's postseason. Please note, student-athletes who are fully vaccinated (or who have had COVID in the past 90 days) are exempt from quarantine.

The following are the dates in which student-athletes will be subject to quarantine based on the start of each sport's postseason.

- Golf - May 17 or 18
- Tennis - May 23 or 24
- Soccer - May 24
- Softball - May 25
- Track & Field - May 30
- Baseball - May 31

Between now and 15 days before the postseason for each respective sport begins, SDNB will notify opposing schools if we have student-athletes who would otherwise be subject to quarantine. If the opposing school is uncomfortable competing against a student-athlete who has been identified as a close contact, that student-athlete may be asked to not compete in that contest.

LARGE EVENTS

Capacity limits will still be set by District administration for events.

Will we be increasing capacity at end of the year events?

No. We are still operating with current capacities set in our building gymnasiums, cafeterias, and auditoriums.

Will we be requiring masks at large events, such as concerts and graduation?

No; however, masks are recommended indoors for unvaccinated individuals.

VACCINATION QUESTIONS

Will the school district share with others if I am vaccinated or not? No, the school district will not share that information.

Does an individual's vaccination status have any bearing as to whether they must wear a face covering? No. An individual's vaccine status has no bearing on whether or not a face covering should be worn. Face masks are recommended, not required.

Are staff allowed to ask students or staff if they are vaccinated? No. We will not be asking this question. We need to model a culture of respect and understanding regardless of the choice an individual makes.

Will we require our substitutes to show proof of vaccination? No.

Will our student(s) be excused from school to be vaccinated? Yes. Please give proof of vaccination, or a doctor appointment, to the attendance secretary at your student's home school.

MASK QUESTIONS

Will students ever be required to wear a mask? Masks are recommended. Students are not required to wear a mask. However, there may be cases where students may be required to wear a mask with outside organizations coming on our campus or students attending another campus and needing to follow their rules (e.g. WCTC CNA course, Camp Invention, WCTC Dual Enrollment, ACT Saturday testing days). Students are still required to wear a mask on any transportation provided by the District due to a federal mandate.

Will students wearing masks be separated in the classroom by mask wearing? No.

How are we going to handle student anxieties and fears now that we are transitioning to no masks?

Students have access to their building's student services personnel to process changes as they occur.

Can those who are uncomfortable with the masking requirement change and/or for continuity continue wearing a face covering? Yes. We encourage supporting our students, staff, and families with whatever choice they make with regard to face coverings.

Will "mask-shaming" be addressed by building administration and how should staff respond? Yes.

There are [bullying policies and harassment policies](#) in place by the School District of New Berlin. In accordance with our Board policy and Secondary Handbook guidelines, staff and administrators will respond to this behavior. It is against SDNB rules to tease, harass, mock, or bully another student regardless of his or her decision to wear or not wear a face covering.

Can students be required to wear masks on behalf of other students? No. While a student may ask other students in their class to wear a mask, masks are not required.

How will this move from masks required to masks recommended impact students with IEPs, 504s, and/or students who are medically fragile? If parents have concerns about unmasked individuals working with or being in proximity of the student with a disability-related need or medical concern, those concerns should be addressed to the student's IEP or Section 504 team. If teams have questions on how to apply the recent changes to the student's specific circumstances, contact Amanda Mazurkiewicz, Director of Student Services.

Does this change mean my elementary student can choose not to wear a mask? Yes.