

Recommended Board Action Requested (December 6, 2021)

Revision to the current Fairfield Area School District Health and Safety Plan

A. Universal and correct wearing of masks:

- a. During Extremely High and High risk of transmissions in Adams County, facial coverings/masks will remain required for staff and students in the Fairfield Area School District while indoors. However, please see “h” for information on options to not wear a mask indoors while at school.
- b. During Moderate and Low risk of transmission in Adams County, facial coverings/masks will be optional for staff and students in the Fairfield Area School District and while on Fairfield Area School District property except where specific requirements are otherwise approved by FASD School Board Action.
 - i. Indoor concerts and performances that exceed 75% capacity.
 - ii. Indoor athletic events that exceed 75% capacity.
- c. CDC requires all passengers and drivers to wear masks on school buses, including those operated by public and private school systems. This federal order remains in effect until the CDC indicates otherwise.
- d. Students and staff with COVID positive results will be isolated according to medical guidelines.
- e. When exposure occurs at school, parents will be notified of the exposure and will be given the recommendation to quarantine. Parents will have the option to quarantine or not quarantine their child. These students will be permitted to continue to attend school AS LONG AS they are symptom free. If any Covid symptoms develop within 14 days of exposure, students will be required to quarantine/isolate for a period of time to be decided by the school nurse after speaking with the parent, depending on the circumstances.
*FASD will return to quarantine requirements if more than one positive case is noted in the same classroom within 14 days or if there is an increased trend in positive cases at school.

- f. If exposure is due to events outside of school and/or within the student's home, CDC guidelines of quarantine will be followed. Under these circumstances, quarantining will not be optional.
- g. If the unmasked student is fully vaccinated, parents or guardians will be notified and the student can return to school, provided they remain symptom free and wear a mask for the full 14 days after exposure.
- h. Under Extremely High and High risk of transmission periods, students who will not be wearing a mask will need a completed "Facial Covering/Mask Exclusion Form" to be filed in the health office. Parents can opt to not have a physician sign this form and instead have the form signed by the parent, school nurse and administrator. Mask exclusions will not be honored for the 14 days after close contact exposure to a Covid case - if identified as "exposed" students will need to quarantine for 14 days at home or wear a mask while indoors at school.