



Summary of District 97's COVID-19 Mitigations (as of March 24, 2022)

MITIGATION	PROTOCOLS
Masking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Starting March 17, masks will be highly recommended, but not required. Optional outdoors as of Feb. 22. District will maintain a supply of masks for individuals who wish to use them. No segregation of students based on mask status.
Testing	Weekly SHIELD testing will continue at all District 97 schools.
Distancing	Students and staff should continue to maintain adequate distance (at least 3 feet) as much as possible in classrooms, during lunch and throughout school buildings.
Contact Tracing	Nurses will continue contact tracing for positive cases and will encourage families of close contacts to monitor for symptoms. However, the district will no longer exclude asymptomatic, unvaccinated close contacts from school.
Case Notification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Classrooms will be notified of positive cases. District 97 COVID-19 Dashboard will be updated every Friday with district-wide data, including SHIELD results.
When Symptoms Arise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students and staff must stay home when sick with COVID-like symptoms or other illnesses. Individuals who test positive must stay home for five days. They may return to school if they are 24 hours fever free with no fever-reducing medication AND no diarrhea or vomiting for 24 hours AND improvement of other symptoms.
Vaccination	Due to the proven efficacy and safety of the vaccine, and its critical role in stopping the spread of COVID-19, the district will continue to promote vaccination as a mitigation strategy. As of March 2022, approximately 95% of staff and 80% of students are vaccinated.
Ventilation	The district will continue to follow industry standards for indoor air quality, and will remain diligent with regular maintenance to ensure that all systems are performing at optimum levels. Outdoor air will be circulated as much as possible.
Hand Hygiene and Respiratory Etiquette	The district will continue to promote frequent hand washing and sanitizing, as well as proper respiratory etiquette (e.g., covering mouths and noses when sneezing).
Cleaning/Disinfecting	In addition to conducting regular cleaning protocols, staff will continue to disinfect high-touch surfaces daily.
Field Trips/Events	Concerts, field trips and other events may be held, assuming all appropriate mitigations are followed. Groups must work with principals to complete all required documentation.