

SASD Health & Safety Plan Comparison to the CHOP Policy Lab and MCOPH Guidance

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	CHOP PolicyLab Guidance	MCOPH Guidance	SASD Health & Safety Plan	Follows Guidance?
Masking	Continue indoor masking requirements within buildings and at school activities, regardless of vaccination status	Follows CDC Guidance: CDC recommends universal indoor masking by all students (ages 2 years and older), staff, teachers, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status	Masks are now strongly recommended in school and school activities and continue to be required on all forms of school transportation	NO
Stay Home When Sick	Emphasize to family and staff that individuals with respiratory illness stay home while symptomatic. Covid-positive individuals can return to school 5 days after symptom onset, if asymptomatic or have resolving symptoms (including resolution of fever) and will continue to wear a mask at all times for 5 additional days	Encourage staff, students and parent(s)/guardian(s) to stay home if sick to help support reducing the risk of transmission of COVID-19 and other illnesses/disease	Symptomatic students and staff must isolate at home. Once recovered, individuals can return to school 5 days after symptoms begin if they are no longer symptomatic and are fever-free for 24 hours without fever-reducing medication	YES
Covid-19 Screening	Discontinue required weekly testing of asymptomatic students, teachers and school staff	Recommends discontinuing required weekly assurance testing	Never had required weekly testing	N/A
Mask to Stay	Allow COVID-exposed, but asymptomatic staff and students to continue attending school in person under a 7-day “modified quarantine” (otherwise known as “mask to stay”). Community exposure: may attend school and will be required to wear a mask at all times during this 7-day period. Household exposure: mask-to-stay conditional on them having received at least a primary vaccination series and those individuals may also be prioritized for an in-school “test to stay” program should sufficient in-school testing be available	Community/School Exposure AND Unvaccinated*: Allow asymptomatic staff and students exposed to Covid-19 in school or community (not household) to attend school with required mask-wearing at all times for ten days after the date of exposure Vaccinated*: No quarantine	Community/School Exposure AND Unvaccinated*: School/Community exposure: choose option: 1. Quarantine at home for 5 days, return to school and wear mask for days 6-10 OR 2. Remain in school wearing mask for 10 days, test at school once between days 4 and 6 Household exposure AND Unvaccinated*: Quarantine at home for 10 days, return to school and wear mask for days 11-15 Any Exposure AND Vaccinated*: Remain in school, wear mask for 10 days post-exposure	YES

Vaccine Promotion	Encourage all staff and students to update vaccinations, per CDC and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) guidance.	Promote Vaccination	?	Not mentioned in 2022 emails
Lunch	We recognize that lunch might be the highest-risk activity students undertake during the school day. Therefore, we recommend that kids eat outside, when possible, but when that's not possible, schools should limit mask breaks to only the time it takes to each lunch, maximize ventilation by opening windows, and consider more (and shorter) lunch periods to limit exposure time and create more opportunities for distancing. These should be considered time-limited measures during this period of very high community transmission to minimize student and staff absences	N/A	No official communication has been sent about lunch prevention methods	NO
Contact Tracing	N/A	<u>High Risk Activities</u> (exhalation/physical exertion, such as sports, singing, shouting, band, exercise): Full Contact Tracing <u>Cafeteria</u> : Full Contact Tracing <u>Bus/Classroom</u> : General Notification Letter to exposure settings. Additional notification should be provided to individuals who have medical exemptions to vaccination or masking exemption	Contact tracing will be used to identify potential exposures during mealtimes in the cafeteria and high-exertion activities such as sports or singing. School staff will no longer conduct contact tracing for classrooms or buses	YES

Note *: The Definition of "Vaccinated" now includes up-to-date Boosters

Sources:

SASD Parent emails 1/14/22, 1/1/22

<https://policylab.chop.edu/sites/default/files/pdf/publications/PolicyLab-Guidance-In-person-Education-K-12%20Educational-Settings-January-2022.pdf>

<https://policylab.chop.edu/blog/covid-19-outlook-holiday-peaks-begin-subside>

<https://www.montcopa.org/DocumentCenter/View/32152/MCOPH-2021-2022-School-Year-COVID-School-Guidance?bidId=>

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-guidance.html>