COVID-19 Resolution
January 20, 2022

Whereas, the Mehlville R-9 Board of Education has previously adopted resolutions related to COVID-19 mitigation strategies, and;

Whereas, the Mehlville School District has the lawful authority and obligation to prevent the spread of contagious diseases,

Be it resolved that the Mehlville R-9 Board of Education re-adopts the following items that were approved to be effective January 5, 2022.

Resolved:

1. The Mehlville School District workforce, students in grades PreK-12, and visitors will be required to wear a face covering while indoors except as provided in this resolution.
    A. The Mehlville R-IX Board of Education defines a face covering as a cloth, buff/gaiter, N95, or medical grade/style mask. All face coverings must fit and be worn over the nose and below the chin. Face coverings with holes or valves are not acceptable.
    B. Exemptions from the face covering requirement, while in a school building, are possible in limited circumstances. These include accommodations through a child's 504B plan, individualized education plan (IEP), or written notification from a child's licensed medical doctor.
    C. Admittance to in-person learning will not be granted to anyone who does not qualify for an exemption under subparagraph 1B and refuses to wear a face covering indoors.
2. Face coverings are required on all buses pursuant to federal mandate.
3. The Mehlville School District will continue to invest in @Home as an option for virtual instruction for students who choose to participate.
4. The District will not perform contact tracing nor exclude close contacts from school.
5. Employees, students, and visitors who test positive for COVID will be excluded from the Mehlville School District premises and, if applicable, in-person learning in accordance with Policy EBB (Communicable Diseases) and Policy GBE (Staff Health and Safety), except that the Mehlville School District will not follow any invalid DHSS or local health authority rules.
6. Symptomatic employees, students, and visitors will be excluded from Mehlville School District premises and, if applicable, in-person learning in accordance with Policy EBB (Communicable Diseases) and Policy GBE (Staff Health and Safety), except that the Mehlville School District will not follow any invalid DHSS or local health authority rules.
7. Parents/guardians will be informed if there is a positive case of COVID in their child(ren)'s classroom(s).
8. Limited onsite COVID testing will be available to students and employees.
9. The following becomes effective for students in grades PreK-12 on January 17, 2022.
    A. The district will move to a mask-recommended policy with positive case thresholds for individual buildings to move to a mask-mandated status.
    B. Individual buildings will return to a mask-required policy in accordance with the following procedure:
        a. When the number of positive cases over the course of any week in a building exceeds 1% of the building population of students and adults, the building will move to a mask-required policy for the following 10 school days.
        b. If the number of positive cases in the building remains above 1% at the end of 10 days, the building will remain in mask-required status for another 5 school days.
        c. Cases at each building reaching the 1% threshold will continue to be monitored every 5 school days and a decision to be mask-required or mask-recommended will be based on the 1% threshold.
    C. Face coverings are required on all buses pursuant to federal mandate.
10. Face coverings are required for all district employees.

11. The Board of Education may make changes to the resolution as needed for the safety and health of employees, students, and visitors.

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Board President Board Secretary

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