

COVID-19 Resolution
June 9, 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, and;

Whereas, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released updated guidance around new metrics on or about February 25, 2022,

Be it resolved that the Mehlville R-9 Board of Education re-adopts the following items.

Resolved:

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. The District will not perform contact tracing nor exclude close contacts from school.
4. Parents/guardians will be informed if there is a positive case of COVID in their child(ren)'s classroom(s).
5. The district will move to a mask-optional policy effective March 18, 2022, with positive case thresholds for individual buildings to move to a mask-mandated status.
 - A. 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 1.5% of the building population of students and adults, the building will move to a mask-required policy for the following 10 school days.
 - i. 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.
 - ii. 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.
 - iii. Admittance to in-person learning will not be granted to anyone who does not qualify for an exemption under subparagraph 5.A.a.ii and refuses to wear a face covering indoors.
 - b. If the number of positive cases in the building remains above 1.5% 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 1.5% 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 1.5% threshold.
6. Masks are required in health services rooms across the district.
7. The Board of Education may make changes to the resolution as needed for the safety and health of employees, students, and visitors.

Board President

Board Secretary

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