

Madison Board of Education

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Dear Students, Families, Staff, Administration, and Madison Community:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well as we are excited to start the new school year on August 19th. I am sure there are many questions as to what this school year will look like regarding the continued challenges of COVID-19. I would like to share the following information with you regarding some of the safety protocols that remain in place or have changed in our schools as we attempt to maintain the health and well-being of our students and staff. We ask that individuals who are sick or who are showing symptoms of an infectious illness, please stay home to avoid the potential of infecting others. Please note that these protocols could change at any time if local, state, or federal requirements are updated.

1)Masks—The use of facial coverings is optional for all staff and students unless mandated by a governmental authority. Due to current federal mandates, masks are required to be worn by all students and staff on buses.

2)Richland Public Health will be managing the isolation of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19. One can expect to be isolated for 10 days from the date of the positive test.

3)Richland Public Health, in accordance with the Ohio Department of Health Guidelines below, will be managing the quarantining of individuals who are determined to be close contacts of someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The school will work with Richland Public Health to the best of our ability to determine close contacts that take place in a school setting or at a school-sponsored event.

4)The Ohio Department of Health has released the following guidelines for quarantine and isolation that can be found at:

- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/covid-19-fact-sheet-k-12-exposure-and-quarantine-flow-chart.pdf>
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5)In the flow chart, please note that the answer to the initial question, “Does the school have all of the following in place?” will be “No.” We are not requiring the masking for all students and staff regardless of their vaccination status, nor are we able to guarantee social distancing of all students by at least 3 feet. Also, please note in the document that by being vaccinated and/or consistently wearing a mask, an individual may be able to avoid being quarantined. If you have questions or concerns related to quarantine or isolation, please feel free to contact Richland Public Health.

6)Additionally, we will continue to encourage and promote hand-washing, hand-sanitizing, social distancing, and the cleaning and disinfecting of our buildings.

I would like to thank all of you for your efforts in supporting our students over the last two school years as we have dealt with the challenges of COVID-19, and I wish you all a great 2021-2022 school year! GO RAMS!

Sincerely,
Rob Peterson, Superintendent