

COVID Protocol Updates

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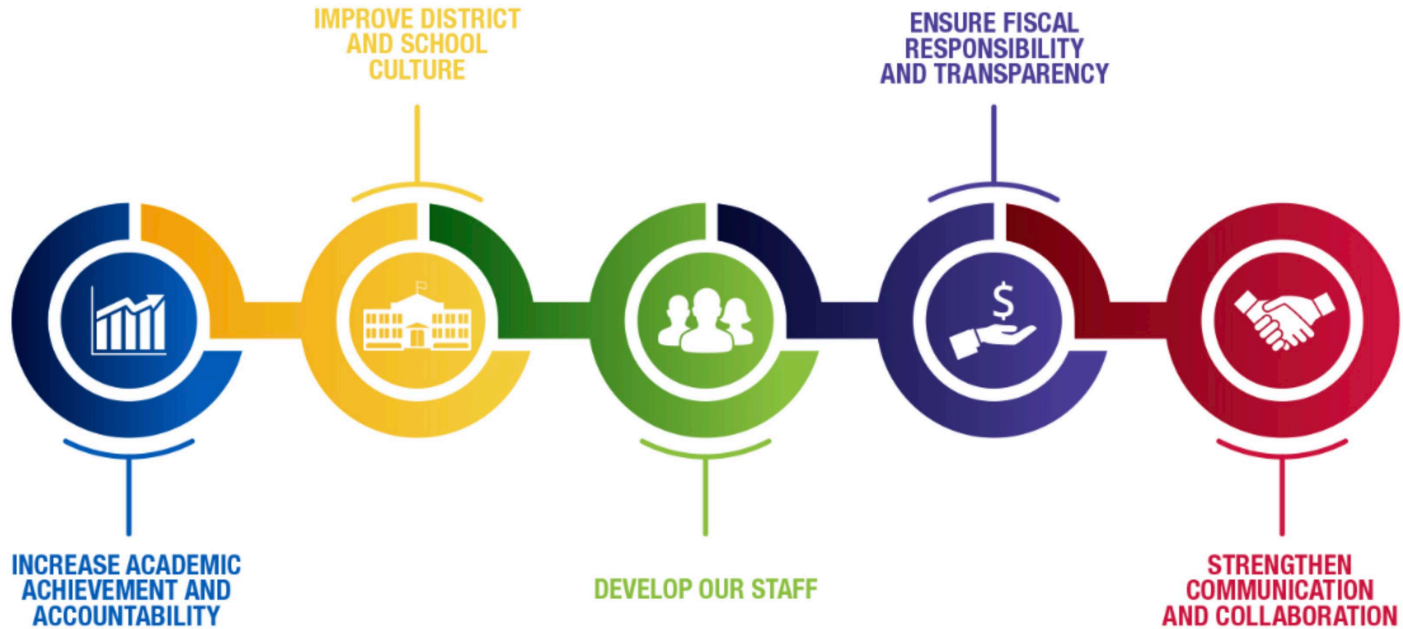
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Five Priorities for Success



COVID-19 Protocol Updates

- Threshold to transition to virtual
- Quarantine period
- Dashboard reporting metrics

Recommendations based on a review of current MPS practices, Council of Great City Schools and surrounding district practices



Threshold to Transition to Virtual Learning

- MPS current practice:
A 3% positivity rate of the entire school population within a 14-day window will transition a school to virtual learning for 10 days



Other District Practices - Threshold

- Baltimore, MD: 2 cases per classroom within 14 days results in a classroom closure. 3 or more classrooms, from separate households, or 5% of unrelated individuals results in a closure
- Green Bay, WI: Elementary will close for the lesser of 5 positive students within 10 days or 20% of staff

Threshold Practices - Continued

- Hamilton (Sussex, WI): 7-day average of cases rising above 9.5 for 3 consecutive days, will require mask wearing and case monitoring; no closure percent
- Menomonee Falls, WI: 15% of any unit (class, grade, schools) district consults with the County for closure
- Cudahy, WI: “Large percent” of positive cases go to the Board for decision on closure



Health and Safety Team Recommendation

- Remain with the 3% positivity threshold because the testing of students and staff is not as widespread as other districts
- Consider increasing testing opportunities beyond symptomatic individuals

Quarantine Period

- MPS Current practice:
 - 14-day quarantine period for positive cases and close contacts. Quarantine period can be shortened to 7 days for individuals without symptoms and a negative PCR test on 6th day after exposure

Other District Practices - Quarantine

- Tulsa, OK: 5-day quarantine and 5-day mask wearing for positive cases. No quarantine for vaccinated and boosted close contacts. Unvaccinated close contacts quarantine for 5 days and 5 days with a mask
- Minneapolis, MN: 5-day quarantine and 10-day mask wearing for positive cases. Unvaccinated close contacts are quarantined for 5 days. Vaccinated close contacts are recommended to test

Quarantine Practices - Continued

- Chicago, IL: 5-day quarantine for positive cases as of 2/1/22
- Cudahy, WI: No quarantine for vaccinated close contacts without symptoms. 10-day quarantine for unvaccinated or 7-day quarantine with a negative test on day 6 or 7

Health and Safety Team Recommendation

- Consider concurrent quarantine period for household contacts
- Remain with the 14-day quarantine period
 - Mask wearing is not always with fidelity
 - New variant often doesn't show symptoms until later in the 14-day window
 - Symptoms are often confused with flu and allergies



Dashboard Reporting

- MPS current practice:
Reports of positive cases are posted on the district website by school for a 14-day window. Newly added to the COVID-19 Dashboard are the positive percentage by school and the number equaling the 3% threshold



Other District Practices - Dashboard

- Cleveland, OH: Positive case reports are posted for 10 days as an “alert” on the school website and serves as the school community notification
- Chicago, IL: Dashboard reports weekly the positive number, total tests, and positive percentage for each school

Dashboard Reporting - Continued

- Menomonee Falls, WI: Weekly reports for the district report students in quarantine, positive student cases, positive staff cases
- Cudahy, WI: Weekly reports by school for quarantined students, active positive cases, and closed classrooms

Health and Safety Team Recommendation

- Maintain the 14-day dashboard but indicate the dates of the current window to be transparent with cases added and dropping off.
- Consider adding a “warning” notification as cases are increasing for a school community so families can prepare
- Remove total symptom cases and total contacts

CDC Guidelines

**IF YOU
Tested positive
for COVID-19 or
have
symptoms,
regardless of
vaccination
status**

Stay home for at least 5 days

Stay home for 5 days and [isolate](#) from others in your home.

Wear a well-fitted mask if you must be around others in your home.

**IF YOU
Were exposed
to COVID-19
and are [up-to-date](#)
on COVID-19
vaccinations**

No quarantine

You do not need to stay home **unless** you develop symptoms.

Get tested

Even if you don't develop symptoms, get tested at least 5 days after you last had close contact with someone with COVID-19.

Milwaukee Health Department Guidelines

Quarantine Time for COVID-19

- Stay home and away from other people for at least 5 days after your last contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Wear a well-fitting mask when around others at home
- For 10 days after your last close contact with someone with COVID-19, watch for COVID-19 symptoms

Exposed to COVID-19 You do not need to quarantine if:

- You are ages 12 or older and have received all recommended vaccine doses, including boosters
- You are ages 5-11 years and completed the primary series of COVID-19 vaccines
- You had confirmed COVID-19 within the last 90 days



NOVIR Testing

- Additional opportunity for COVID-19 rapid testing Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Sites: Marshall, MacDowell, and Pulaski
- Wednesdays: 3pm to 7:30pm
- Saturdays: 10am to 2pm
- Testing offered to all MPS students and staff
- Target start date: March 2, 2022



Recommendations

- Expand student testing and consent to test
- Campaign to support student vaccinations
- Reduce Virtual Learning period to 5 days
- 3% positive rate in the building during a rolling 10-day window

Thank you.

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