

Moran Township School District

Health and Safety Protocols for the 2021-2022 School Year

- **Masking:** Masks are strongly recommended to be worn throughout the school hallways, classrooms and common spaces. While masking is strongly recommended, it is not required per the most recent guidance released from the Center for Disease Control. To date, the county health department has not issued a mask mandate in response to these recommendations. Therefore, in the absence of a law or mandate, parents/guardians will make the final decision as to whether their child will be masked throughout the school day. It is important to note we will support parent's decisions regarding mask wearing, and respect their wishes either masked or unmasked. Masks are required to be worn on school buses.
- **Screening:** We will continue to screen for symptoms daily for all people entering the school building. Staff will continue daily self-screens for COVID symptoms. Parents and guardians will be asked to screen their children daily for COVID symptoms before sending them to school.
- **Social Distancing:** We will continue to encourage social distancing throughout the building. Desks will be spaced a minimum of 3 feet apart in all classrooms that allow for it.
- **Breakfast:** Breakfast bags will be available in the mornings once again. Upon arrival to school in the morning, students will grab a breakfast bag should they so choose, and head directly to their classroom to enjoy their breakfast before starting the school day.
- **Lunch:** Students in grades k-4 will have lunch recess from 11:00-11:30. They will return to their classroom for lunch from 11:30-12:00. Students in grades 5-8 will eat lunch in their classrooms beginning at 11:15, with their lunch recess being 11:30-12:00.
- **End of Day Dismissal:** School dismissed at 3:05pm. Students in grades k-1 that are picked up at the end of the school day will exit via the east side of the building. Students in grades 2-4 will exit through the west end of the building, while grades 5-8 will exit out of the front, or south side, of the building.
- **Cleaning and disinfecting:** We will continue to clean and disinfect surfaces, hallways and classrooms frequently, multiple times a day.
- **Reporting:** School programs must report positive cases of COVID-19 to the local health department within 24 hours.
- **Quarantine:** LMAS will continue to partner with schools to contact trace those individuals exposed to a positive COVID-19 case. Unvaccinated and unmasked persons exposed to a positive case and within 3 feet proximity of the infected person for longer than 15 minutes will be directed to quarantine for 10 days by the local health department. Vaccinated persons will not be asked to quarantine, but must self-monitor for symptoms for 10 days.