



Maricopa Unified School District School Year Opening 2021-22 COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies

In this legislative session, a bill was passed that prohibits Arizona school districts from requiring students or staff to wear masks during school hours and on district property. Schools are also prohibited from requiring vaccines or masks to participate in in-person instruction.

MITIGATION STRATEGY	SCHOOL YEAR 2021-22	*INCREASE IN COVID CASES
Health and Cleanliness	<p>STUDENT OR STAFF TESTS POSITIVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Affected person isolates for 10 days <p>EXPOSURE PROTOCOL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● <i>Parents</i> receive notification of exposure and may quarantine their child at their discretion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ If parents choose to quarantine, report your child's absence daily to the attendance office ○ Contact your child's school for make-up assignments. Refer to MUSD handbook regarding absence and make-up work. ● <i>Staff</i> receive notification of the exposure and will stay home only if COVID-19 symptoms are present. <p>CLEANING STRATEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Employee and student workstations will be cleaned regularly using COVID-19-approved disinfectants. ● Electrostatic sprayers will be used to disinfect classrooms and buses as needed. <p>HEALTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to promote frequent hand washing and proper respiratory etiquette. ● Staff and students stay home when they are sick <p>VACCINATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students, staff, and community members are not required to be vaccinated in order to be on campus 	<p>STUDENT OR STAFF TESTS POSITIVE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue to follow CDC guidelines <p>EXPOSURE PROTOCOL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Consider mandatory quarantines for students <p>CLEANING STRATEGIES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increased frequency of disinfecting high touch point surfaces <p>HEALTH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue current practice <p>VACCINATIONS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Continue current practice
Social Distancing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MUSD will encourage social distancing when possible. 	Enforce social distancing when possible



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Personal Protective Equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Masks are optional indoors and outdoors. All employees, students, and visitors who are not fully vaccinated are encouraged to wear face coverings, but it is not required. PPE will continue to be available to students and staff who request them. Individual bottles and hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available on all campuses 	Continue to follow state legislation regarding mask enforcement
Supplies/Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sharing of materials allowable with hand hygiene mitigations in place 	Restricted sharing of supplies and materials
Cafeteria Operations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Returning to as close to normal as possible, with 3 ft distancing when feasible. Handwashing before meals. 	Consider revising
Buildings and Buses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large group gatherings Observe 3 ft. social distancing where feasible Transportation schedule to return to pre-COVID arrivals/departures 	Follow state legislation regarding group gatherings District may adjust arrival departure times
Athletics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mitigation protocols based on Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) guidelines Spectator capacity in alignment with Arizona Interscholastic Association (AIA) guidelines 	Continue to follow AIA protocols, and the district will review
Extracurricular Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Observe social distancing where feasible 	Consider limiting extracurricular activities
Visitors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Open to visitors Virtual meetings optional Limited volunteers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider limiting visitors to appointments only or by virtual meeting Restrict volunteers