Mitigation Measures

Mitigation Strategy Rubric	Planned Response 2022-2023 School Year (8/2022)
Universal and Correct wearing of masks	The number of Positive and Excluded students per school will be used as a guide to determine movement between masking mitigation measures, which is depicted in the Masking Mitigation Conditions Tool for all other areas of the school. Changes in masking mitigation status will be considered by class, team, house, grade level, and building based on contact tracing information. Virus numbers and recommendations remain fluid; therefore, the district reserves the right to deviate from the Masking Mitigation Conditions Tool when the situation warrants movement. When this occurs, the district will provide a rationale for the changing mitigation response.
Physical Distancing	Pending local COVID numbers: Barriers, routing, and minimum distancing with the ability to cohort if COVID virus levels dictate the need to do so.
Handwashing and respiratory etiquette	Consistent with DHSS, or conditions as they exist in the school community that dictate the need to do so.
Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation	Consistent with guidance from DHSS, or conditions as they exist in the school community that dictate the need to do so.
Contact tracing in combination with district exclusion criteria	Students who are positive with COVID-19 in the home environment will be excluded from school for five days with the opportunity to test and come back on day 6 of negative. Masking will be encouraged through day 10. Students identified as a close contact may utilize one of the following options to return to school: 1. Recommended to wear a mask 10 days post exposure 2. Recommended to test 5 full days after last exposure. Test can be administered at the building with signed consent from a parent. 3. Homebound services will be provided for students that parents elect to exclude.
Diagnostic and screening testing	Testing provided onsite at the buildings; testing would be voluntary and with parental permission for staff and students.
Efforts to provide vaccination to educators, other staff, and students, if eligible	District will sponsor vaccination events and participate in vaccination events; vaccinations are not required
Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies; appropriate accommodations for staff and others consistent with state and federal law	Accommodations will be provided as necessary or as mandated by Individual Education Plans, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the MHRA, and/or the ADA

^{*}Note: vaccinations are not required at this time

In the event that testing shortages occur, further modificaitons may be put in place.