



Montgomery Township School District

December 14, 2021

Dear Montgomery Township School Community:

As the holidays approach and there is an increase in Covid cases in the State, the district continues to work with health officials to ensure the safest school environment. The Montgomery Health Department reports 40% of children ages 5 to 11 are vaccinated. This makes Montgomery one of the fastest rates in the region for pediatric vaccine adoption, according to the Health Department.

Our health and safety protocols are done in conjunction with our local, county, and state health officials. These guidelines are altered depending on the COVID-19 Activity Level Index (CALI) in our region. We are currently identified as being in a high transmission region. Here are the most current procedures:

Close Contact Quarantine

- 14-day quarantine for close contacts - If NOT fully vaccinated, students will be excluded for 14 days from the last exposure.
- Fully Vaccinated students- No quarantine or need to be excluded from school if they are asymptomatic. Students should be deferred for testing 5-7 days after exposure.
- Students recovered from COVID-19 (Past 3 months) - No testing required if asymptomatic.

Travel

- Fully Vaccinated - Any domestic US state, does not need to quarantine and does not need to be tested. International - no quarantine, but will need to get COVID test 3-5 days after travel.
- Unvaccinated children that have traveled outside of the USA or to any state outside of the immediate area (PA, DE, NY) for longer than 24 hours are required to quarantine for 10 days.
 - The test is recommended 3-5 days after travel.
 - If the test is negative, the child can return to school after day 7.
 - If the child is not tested upon return, they must quarantine for a total of 10 days. (Returning on day 11). Thereafter, your child may return to school if they are symptom-free.



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Please contact your school nurse if you have any questions about the travel or close contact procedures. Know that this school year is like none other before.

Mask Requirements

The district has adopted procedures to comply with Governor Murphy's Executive Order 251. That order requires "mandatory use of face masks by staff, students, and visitors in the indoor portion of the school district premises." The staff and students have been doing a great job in complying with the mandate. I believe their efforts are reflected in the low number of cases our district has experienced these first few months of in-person learning. I understand that some people may have concerns about masks, but the mandate is directed by state executive orders. It is my hope that community members visiting our facilities will respect the safety and health of our students and staff by complying with these procedures.

Our goal is to have the safest environment possible and I want to credit all the work our school nurses are doing. Working together we will get through the challenges ahead.

Sincerely,
Mary E. McLoughlin
Superintendent of Schools