Face Mask Recommendation

Milwaukee Public Schools remains committed to taking the appropriate precautions to support the health and well-being of our students and staff.

The district's prevention and mitigation strategies align with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Milwaukee Health Department on safely operating schools. Based on these guidelines, beginning with the 2022–23 school year, Milwaukee Public Schools will implement the following key indicator levels based on transmission levels and positivity percentage rate.

Key Indicator Levels for Face Coverings

Face Coverings are Optional	**Low COVID-19 Positivity Rate < 5%**
When the CDC Community Transmission Threshold reports the city has a low transmission level of less than 5%, masks will be optional for students and staff in all Milwaukee Public Schools.	
Face Coverings are Optional	**Low COVID-19 Positivity Rate 5-7.9%**
When the CDC Community Transmission Threshold reports the city has a low to medium transmission level of 5-7.9%, masks will be optional for students and staff in all Milwaukee Public Schools.	
Face Coverings are Optional	**Medium COVID -19 Positivity Rate 8-9.9%**
When the CDC Community Transmission Threshold reports the city has a medium transmission rate of 8-9.9%, masks will be optional for students and staff in all Milwaukee Public Schools.	
Face Coverings are Required	**High COVID-19 Positivity Rate 10-11.9%**
When the CDC Community Transmission Threshold reports the city has a high transmission rate of 10-11.9%, masks will be required for students and staff in all Milwaukee Public Schools.	
Face Coverings are Required	**Extreme COVID-19 Positivity Rate ≥ 12%**
When the CDC Community Transmission Threshold reports the city has an extreme transmission rate of greater than or equal to 12%, masks will be required for students and staff in all Milwaukee Public Schools.	

Milwaukee Public Schools will continue to take the following steps:

- Notify students, staff, and families when a close contact's COVID-19 test results are positive.
- Students and staff who test positive will quarantine at home for five (5) days and wear a mask for five (5) days upon returning to school or work.
- Testing for COVID-19 will be available, at various school sites, through Summit Labs for all students, staff, and families.
- Vaccination clinics will be offered, at various school sites, for all students, staff, and families.
- Cleaning and disinfecting all high-touch areas will occur in classrooms and buildings.