

# The Shamokin Area School District mitigation efforts.

*(This information will be updated as guidance from CDC, DoH and PDE changes - August 26, 2021)*

## Quarantine Guidance

- Our school district will continue its role with case investigation when notified of a positive student or staff member that was physically present in our buildings 48 hours before symptoms or positive test date.
- **A close contact is identified as an individual who is within less than 6 feet for 15 consecutive minutes of a positive case.**
- Those individuals that are **fully vaccinated and voluntarily wear a mask do not need to quarantine** if exposed to positive case unless they exhibit symptoms. If showing symptoms, person must follow up with a Primary Care Provider and a return to work/school note must be provided.
- **Exception:** In the **K–12 indoor classroom** setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time.
- **QUARANTINE TIME FRAME FOR UNVACCINATED:**
  - An exposed individual can get tested on or after day 5 and then return on day 7 with a negative test result and symptom free. (Exposure date is Day Zero).
  - Without testing, an exposed individual must quarantine for 10 days and monitor for symptoms. If symptoms develop, the 10 day quarantine restarts at the first day of symptom onset.

## Masking

- The District continues to support a voluntary stance regarding masks for both vaccinated or unvaccinated individuals while indoors.
- The District will allow students and staff to voluntarily wear masks at any time.
- The District will continue to monitor recommendations, guidelines, and mandates set forth by the PA DoH, CDC and/or PDE related to masking in schools. If masking mandates are established by the PA DoH, CDC, and/or PDE, the district will revisit the mandates and take appropriate action.

## Social/Physical Distancing

- Large group areas and outdoor space will be utilized to the greatest extent practicable to allow for physical distancing.
- The District will promote social distancing of students and staff (6 feet) to the greatest extent practicable.

## Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

- The District will promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette by continuing to display signs/education materials and making public service announcements in the schools.
- The District will encourage all school staff to promote proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette when practicable and appropriate.

## Cleaning and Disinfecting

- The District will follow the CDC's mandated guidance for cleaning and disinfecting schools, increase physical distancing, and hygiene practices.
- The district will implement protocols for cleaning high-touch and high-traffic areas including door handles and sink handles.

- The District will provide cleaning and sanitizing solutions and materials to classrooms and employees for cleaning as needed and provide routine cleaning of facilities/classrooms/buses by employees.