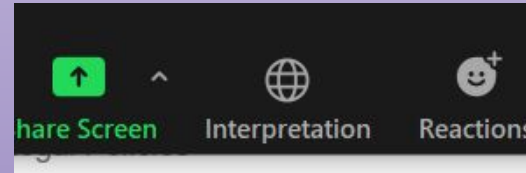


Health & Safety in the Auburn School District 21-22



8/31: Ukrainian Interpreter

9/2: Ukrainian & Spanish Interpreter



Family Town Hall Meeting Fall 2021

WHY?

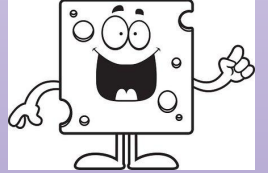
To maximize in-person instruction
and minimize the spread of
COVID-19

Objectives

K-12 Health and Safety Guidance

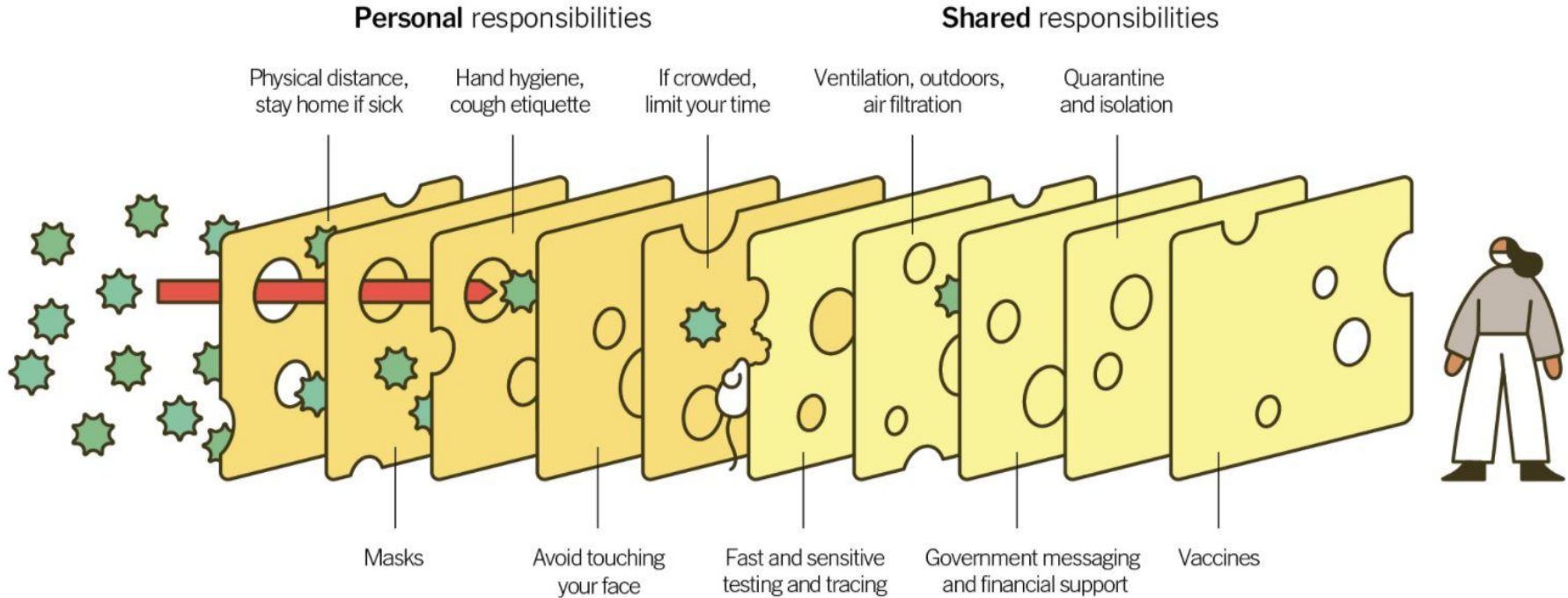
Awareness of Updated
Guidance/Resources

Knowledge of
Safety/Prevention
Measures



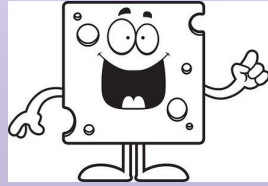
Multiple Layers Improve Success

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



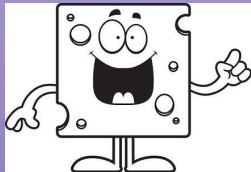
Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay (virologydownunder.com) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

Required Prevention Measures



For the 2021-2022 school year, schools must plan to provide full time in-person education for all interested students with the following required mitigation measures: face coverings/masks, physical distancing, improving ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, cleaning and disinfecting, staying home when sick and seeking evaluation, testing as indicated, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, responding to cases of COVID-19, and meeting the reporting requirements to public health.

Face Covering/ Mask Updates



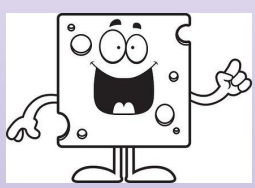
- All students & staff (whether vaccinated or not) will wear face coverings at all times indoors (unless alone)
- District will provide face coverings for students and staff, if needed
- Masks are not required outdoors for students or staff
- Masks can be removed for meals and drinking (distancing will be maximized for eating - when possible)
- Masks are required in all indoor settings, including PE, Music classes, etc. unless class is held outdoors or exceptions are outlined in the K-12 guidance

High Transmission Risk Setting



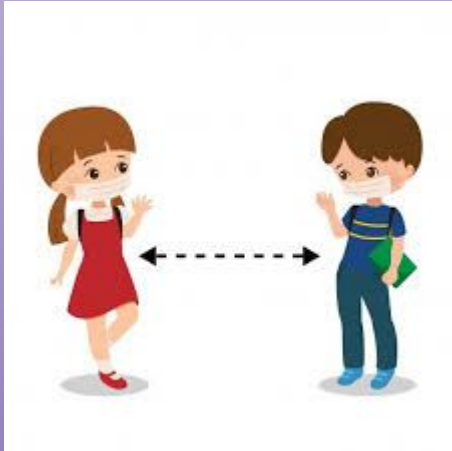
FDA Approved Surgical or KN95 Masks

- High Transmission Risk Settings require additional safety/PPE training
- When students are unable to consistently and safely wear face coverings
- Expectations are to work with students to develop the skills of wearing a face covering
- Examples: Our youngest learners and some learners with special needs
- Our staff have appropriate PPE and strategies to work with students who are unable to consistently wear a mask

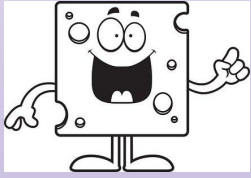


Physical Distancing

Students



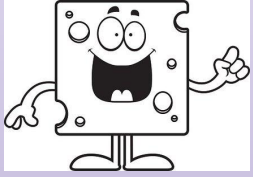
- Seated in classrooms - students spaced minimum of 3 feet apart when possible. More as space allows
- Can continue to utilize floor markers and the traffic flow signs placed around the building to encourage good distancing between students during transitions
- There will be times when students are not 3 feet apart (transitions, playground, etc.)



Ventilation



- All ventilation systems met or exceeded requirements when evaluated during the 20/21 school year
- HVAC systems designed to run to allow the maximum ventilation including running before and after school hours
- Doubling the amount of outside air intake
- Open doors, open windows, outdoor time - all are good for increasing ventilation, when feasible
- Filters are changed quarterly



Handwashing & Hand sanitizer



- Continue good hand hygiene practices (soap/water for 20 seconds or more)
- Hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol when hand washing is not available
- At elementary level, schedule time for students to wash hands (before eating, after recess, etc.)
- At middle and high school, provide hand sanitizer or hand washing upon entering classroom
- Always wash hands following blowing nose, coughing or sneezing

Riding the Bus

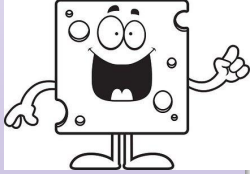


- Windows will be kept open as much as possible to maximize outside air
- Students from the same household should sit together on the bus
- Masks required on buses. Will be supplied for those who don't have one
- Riders should physically distance as much as possible
- Bus drivers will clean and disinfect their bus daily

Meals & Student Breaks



- Elementary students will eat seated in classrooms - spaced a minimum of 3 feet apart when possible. More as space allows
- Secondary schools will have assigned seating at lunch
- Secondary schools have large tents for outdoor eating space
- Students may remove their mask when outdoors
- Masks not required for outdoor recess
- Brief mask breaks can be taken when physically distanced from others indoors or when taking a sip of water



Cleaning Expectations

CLEANING removes dirt and most germs.



- Cleaning kits provided for every classroom
 - Four bottles of Fresh 118 Light Duty
 - Microfiber cloths for every staff and student in the room for every day
 - Microfiber cloths will be laundered through the district.
- Students will use district provided cleaning solution and microfiber cloths to clean their own desks
- The current guidance does not limit sharing materials but individual materials still safest
- If materials are shared, they should be cleaned

Disinfecting Expectations

DISINFECTING kills germs on surfaces of a clean object.



- Disinfecting is done only by a staff person trained to disinfect such as a custodian.
- Disinfecting cannot be done when people are in the space being disinfected.
- **UPDATED GUIDANCE**
 - Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces each night after students leave and when someone is sick in the room (vomit, blood, etc.)

Cough

Chills

Fever

**Loss of
Taste**

**Loss of
Smell**

**Short of
Breath**



Fatigue

Headache

**Muscle/Body
Aches**

Sore Throat

Congestion

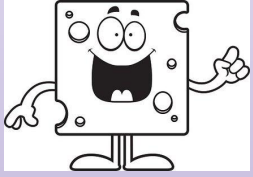
Nausea/Vomit

Diarrhea

Student Updates



- No formal wellness check process (Skyward)
- Very important to monitor your child for symptoms daily
- Must keep student home if exhibiting COVID symptoms
- Must keep student home if student has been exposed to COVID positive person
- School nurse is a great resource for questions
- Distancing: 3 feet if possible, greater distancing when available
- If 3 feet distancing maintained and masks are worn, not considered close contact/exposure



Testing



Testing locations

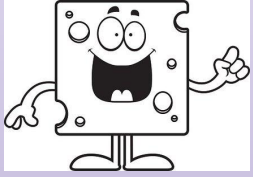
Testing programs help reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission and are an important layer of prevention.

- ASD partnering with Health Commons for the Test to Return program (screen/diagnostic)
- Diagnostic testing is available in community locations

Screening Testing

Required for high contact indoor sports

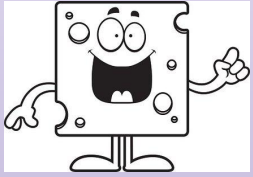
Recommended for unvaccinated students when community transmission rates are elevated and to limit quarantine for those unvaccinated, when exposed, but not symptomatic



Every Building has a COVID Site Supervisor



- Monitors and supports student and employee adherence to the health and safety protocols
- Conduit of information between the building the District COVID Coordinator and Public-Health
- Supports investigation/data collection if student or staff tests positive for COVID-19
- Separation room required to isolate students who become symptomatic while at school



Close Contact/ Exposure



Exposure:

Close contact with a COVID positive person.

Close contact for adults is defined as:

Within 6 feet of a COVID positive person for 15 or more minutes (cumulative) in 24 hours - **with or without a face covering**

Living in the same household with a COVID positive person is considered close contact/exposure

Close contact for students is now defined as within 3 feet of a COVID positive person for 15 minutes or more in 24 hours

Follow Up Process if COVID Positive Outcome for Student



- If student tests positive **families notify** School Nurse for contact tracing.
- If your student is determined to be a close-contact of someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you will receive a call from the school nurse followed by written notice of the close contact, which may be in an email.
- If there is a positive COVID-19 test at your student's school, but your student was NOT in close-contact with the person who tested positive, you will receive an email informing you there was a positive case at the school. We are unable to release any information about the person who tested positive, other than if it was a staff member or student.

Quarantine Plans:

SMALL GROUP OF STUDENTS ONLY:

As with any other student absence, students should work with their teachers to complete any missing assignments.

TEACHER ONLY:

As with any other teacher absence, a substitute teacher will be assigned.

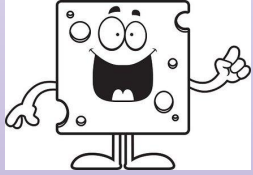
WHOLE CLASS ELEMENTARY:

If all students in a class and their teacher need to quarantine distance learning will be provided with Google Meets. If the teacher is sick and unable to conduct distance learning lessons, the teacher will provide substitute plans for their class and distance learning will be provided.

Chromebook distribution plans will be communicated via the principal to ensure all health guidance is followed. It may take a *brief period of time* for full remote classes to begin; teachers and principals will need to have emergency plans ready to make a quick transition to being remote. It may not be possible to provide all specialist and program services during a quarantine period.

WHOLE CLASS SECONDARY:

If all students in a class and the teacher need to quarantine distance learning will be provided for that class. For other class periods, students will work with their teachers to complete missing work. For the teacher in quarantine, the teacher will provide substitute plans for all of their class periods or teach via Google Meet with their classes, supervised by a substitute.



Vaccinated or Not Vaccinated?

COVID-19
VACCINE

Vaccinated

If close contact/exposed- not required to quarantine if not symptomatic.
Recommend testing. Wear a mask for 14 days after exposure or until a negative test result

Not Vaccinated

If close contact/exposed- required to quarantine whether wearing a mask or not.
Testing on day 5 or later shortens quarantine period from 14 days to 7 days (must provide documentation)

More info for Families



- Students must stay home if symptomatic, **even if vaccinated**
- We have PPE for all students and staff (hand sanitizer, masks, cleaning products)
- Rented tents to expand lunchtime seating at secondary schools
- Hired additional high school counselors
- Increased custodial staff to increase cleaning efforts
- Staff vaccination status is confidential
- Increased partnerships with area agencies for access to mental health counselors
- Only volunteers are for outdoor sports.
- Field trips are paused for the start of the year.
- Families will drop off outside of school to minimize the number of people in the schools
- ASD Assistant Director of Health Services, Stephanie Earnhardt, MBA, RN, CEN

Info when Symptomatic, Exposed or Positive

- [King County Testing Sites](#)
- [What to do if you have confirmed or suspected COVID-19](#) (25 languages available)
- [What to do if you were potentially exposed to someone with confirmed COVID-19](#) (25 languages available)
- [What to do if you have COVID-19 symptoms, but have not been around anyone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19](#) (25 languages available)