

MTSD COVID-19 MITIGATION LEVELS

MTSD COVID-19 prevention and mitigation strategies are consistent with the most recent Washington Ozaukee Public Health Department (WOPHD) guidance ([August 18, 2021](#)) on safely operating schools. The MTSD will implement the following layered mitigation strategies, based on the WOPHD's level of risk for COVID-19 community transmission in Ozaukee County. The scale of Community Transmission (Burden) refers to the total number of cases per 100,000 residents confirmed in the past 7 days.

LOW/MODERATE RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES (0-49)

• Face Coverings Optional

The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when face coverings are used along with other preventive measures. When transmission levels are low in Ozaukee County, the use of face coverings is **optional**.

Important Notice: A current [CDC order](#) requires that all students participating in school transportation services wear a face covering while riding the bus.

• Contact Tracing and Communication of Close Contacts*

When an individual tests positive for COVID-19, close contacts will be identified through contact tracing and families and staff members will be notified. Quarantine is optional for students determined to be a close contact.

SUBSTANTIAL RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES (50-99)

• Face Coverings

Face coverings are **optional, and recommended** indoors for all individuals in the school environment.

• Contact Tracing, Communication of Close Contacts*, Quarantine**

When an individual tests positive for COVID-19, close contacts will be identified through contact tracing and families and staff members will be notified. Quarantine is required for individuals determined to be within 3 feet of a positive case, unless an individual was wearing a face covering.

HIGH RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES (100-349)

• Face Coverings

Face coverings are **required** in locations where the COVID-19 vaccine has not been available to all students and staff for at least six weeks (Grades 4K-6). In addition, face coverings are **optional, and recommended** indoors for all individuals in the Grades 7-12 school environment.

• Contact Tracing, Communication of Close Contacts*, Quarantine**

When an individual tests positive for COVID-19, close contacts will be identified through contact tracing and families and staff members will be notified. Quarantine is required for individuals determined to be within 3 feet of a positive case regardless of whether individuals are wearing face coverings.

VERY-HIGH RISK MITIGATION STRATEGIES (≥ 350)

• Face Coverings

Face coverings are **required** indoors for all individuals in the school environment regardless of vaccination status.

• Contact Tracing, Communication of Close Contacts*, Quarantine**

TO LEARN MORE

about the ongoing mitigation strategies used in all MTSD buildings both continuously and specific to COVID-19, please visit www.mtsd.k12.wi.us/departments/safety/safe-healthy-buildings

COMMUNICATION

MTSD will monitor WOPHD community transmission data when it is updated weekly on Thursdays. When the data necessitates a shift in mitigation levels, the district will send out an email message to all families on the next day (Friday). If the data necessitates a shift to a higher mitigation level, the new level will be implemented immediately on the following Monday. If the data necessitates a shift to a lower mitigation level, the new mitigation level will be implemented 14 days from the following Monday to ensure that community transmission continues to trend consistently in the lower mitigation level range.

REFERENCES AND RESOURCES:

- [CDC: Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#)
- [WOPHD: COVID-19 Safety Considerations for K-12 Schools](#)
- [DHS: Guidelines for the Prevention, Investigation, and Control of COVID-19 Outbreaks in K-12 Schools in Wisconsin](#)
- [DPI: COVID-19 Infection Control and Mitigation Measures for Wisconsin Schools 2021/2022](#)
- [MTSD Board Policy 8450: Control of Communicable Diseases](#)

*A close contact is defined as an individual who was indoors, within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period.

**Individuals who are fully vaccinated, or previously diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 3 months, do not need to quarantine unless they develop symptoms.