



Randolph County Schools

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UPDATE – 8/23/21

In collaboration with the Elkins-Randolph Health Department, ALL students and staff PreK-12 will wear masks in school and on school buses at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year.

Rationale:

- This recommendation is based on guidance from the CDC and AAP.
- There is an increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Randolph County. This includes vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.
- There is an increase in hospitalization in Randolph County.
- The existing Delta variant is highly contagious and can be carried by both vaccinated and non-vaccinated individuals.

Considerations:

- Schools will continue cleaning and disinfecting mitigations.
- Follow appropriate hand washing etiquette.
- Social distance up to 3 feet when possible.
- Students will not be required to wear masks outside.
- Students will not be required to wear masks during lunchtime until they finish eating. Masks will need to be replaced after they finish eating.

****Within the school**, if an individual tests positive for COVID-19, students/employees who are exposed to this positive case will NOT be required to quarantine IF they are wearing their masks. Contact tracing will not be required. **(Because they will all be wearing masks).**

****If an individual tests positive for COVID-19, they MUST quarantine for ten (10) days regardless of their vaccination status.**

****Outside the school environment:** If an employee is exposed to a positive case of COVID-19:

VACCINATED EMPLOYEE: NO quarantine if asymptomatic, however, maintain strict precautions (mask wearing and social distance) for 14 days. If staff members were to become symptomatic then they will need to quarantine and test.

UNVACCINATED EMPLOYEE: Quarantine for 7 days from LAST date of exposure and on day 7 may have a PCR or antigen test and if that test is negative they may return to work if symptom free.

**** If an employee or student tests positive for COVID-19 *outside of school*, the Health Department will manage contact tracing and will make the determination for the period of quarantine. The health department will communicate with RCS for the return date to school.**