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MINGUS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT COVID-19 PROTOCOLS FOR THE 2021-22 SCHOOL YEAR

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Update 1/14/22:

Mingus Families and Community Members,

Please be aware that recommendations for COVID-19 mitigation can change rapidly. This plan is based on current guidance but may be modified in response to new recommendations. The District will continue to apply a layered mitigation/prevention strategy, in alignment with CDC and ADHS guidance, to include:

- Recommendations for the use of face coverings, especially when other strategies are difficult to implement
- Encouragement to get fully vaccinated and obtain boosters
- Physical distancing to the extent possible
- Frequent handwashing and use of sanitizer
- Covering up when coughing, sneezing, etc.
- Air purifier use
- Frequent classroom and common area cleaning and sanitizing.
- Strong guidance to stay home when sick

COVID-19 Exposure/isolation/quarantine procedures

- Contact tracing:
 - For specifics, see the most recent ADHS Release from Isolation and Quarantine Guidance: <https://www.azdhs.gov/covid19/documents/public-health-resources/release-from-isolation.pdf>
 - COVID-19 Exposure is documented and the need for contact tracing is confirmed when instances of **close contact** with a known positive case of COVID-19 occur. Instances of close contact are defined as:
 - Being within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24- hour period.
 - Providing COVID related care in a household without using recommended infection control precautions.
 - Direct physical contact (hugging or kissing).

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- Being sneezed on, coughed on, or getting respiratory droplets on your skin.
- **EXCEPTION:** in the K-12 classroom setting, the close contact definition **excludes students** who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student where:
 - Both students were engaged in consistent and correct use of well-fitting face coverings; and
 - Other K-12 school prevention strategies were in place.
- Our District will continue to collaborate with state and local health departments to confidentially provide information about people diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19. This allows identifying which students and staff with positive COVID-19 test results should isolate, and which close contacts should quarantine.
- In general, ADHS now recommends a 5-day period of isolation after symptoms first appear for those who test positive or are not tested after exposure but are symptomatic for COVID-19. If symptoms appear, Isolation should continue until symptoms/fever have resolved for 24 hours. If no symptoms have appeared after 5 days, isolation may be discontinued but mask use should be encouraged.
- ADHS now recommends a 5-day quarantine period for those who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case with recommended testing on day 5. Individuals may not be required to quarantine if certain conditions are met (**additional criteria may apply**):
 - Quarantine may end on day 6 without testing and if no symptoms have been reported during daily monitoring. A face mask should be encouraged for an additional 5 days.
 - Exposed Individuals who have been *fully* vaccinated and remain asymptomatic are not required to quarantine but should consider wearing a mask for 10 days and testing on day 5 if possible.
 - Exposed individuals who are not vaccinated should quarantine for 5 days, test on day 5, and wear a mask around others for 5 additional days.
 - If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home.
 - Previously infected individuals are not required to quarantine if they remain asymptomatic. Documentation of prior infection may be requested.

Please see our District COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for more details:

https://tb2cdn.schoolwebmasters.com/accnt_241806/site_241807/Documents/Mitigation-Plan.pdf

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