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

COVID-19 Mitigation Plan Update 10/8/21

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. Recent legislative and gubernatorial action in the form of A.R.S. 15-342.05 prohibits school districts from requiring the use of face coverings by students or staff during school hours or on school property. The law also bars schools from requiring a student or staff member receive a COVID-19 vaccine or wear a face covering to participate in in-person instruction, effective July 1, 2021. It is expected that the Arizona Supreme Court will rule on this matter in early November. The District will continue to apply a layered mitigation/prevention strategy, in alignment with CDC and ADHS guidance, to include:

- Recommendations for the *optional* use of face coverings, especially when other strategies are difficult to implement
- Encouragement to get fully vaccinated
- 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:

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- 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).
- 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 recommends a 10-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.
- ADHS continues to recommend a 14-day quarantine period for those who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case. Individuals may be eligible for **shortened quarantine** or may not be required to quarantine if certain conditions are met (**additional criteria may apply**):
 - Quarantine may end on day 8 if a negative test result from a sample provided no earlier than day 6 is obtained.
 - Quarantine may be shortened to 10 days if an individual remains asymptomatic after exposure and wears a face covering between days 10 and 14.
 - Individuals who have been *fully* vaccinated and remain asymptomatic are not required to quarantine.
 - 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/acnt_241806/site_241807/Documents/Mitigation-Plan.pdf

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