

# **Rethinking Risk**

## **Mask Plan for HES**

# **Effective 3/7/22**

This **Mask Plan for HES** is reflective of all four official sources of Covid information including the CDC, CT. Department of Public Health, Connecticut State Department of Education, and the Northeast District Department of Health. They have issued directives that have resulted in a unified set of mask wearing directives for all Connecticut public schools

### **HES facts as of 2/23/22**

Information for parents to make informed decisions

- 20% of all HES students currently vaccinated
- 100% of HES staff vaccinated
- Pre-K ages 3 & 4 not vaccinated (1 five year old is vaccinated)
- Team K/1 no students are vaccinated
- Team A has 26% vaccinated, Team B 11%, C 38%
- Faculty/staff recommend that mask mandate remain in place
- Reopening Discussion Group's feeling is to make it parental choice
- CSDE / Governor's office to have mandate ended on 2/28/22

### **Current Protocols Will Continue to be Followed at HES**

1. Masks on school buses are now parental choice
2. HVAC running 24/7
3. Sanitizing completed nightly
4. No entry to HES by people other than students, staff, and contractors
5. All Covid forms/temperature checks for contractors
6. Breakfast & Lunches served in Team rooms
7. Signs of Covid, students sent to nurse - if positive test is discovered, then the student will remain out of HES for 5 days
8. Students must stay home if parents find their child has Covid symptoms
9. Meetings to be held on Zoom - including PPT's
10. Rapid tests available to parents on request to nurse
11. No masks required outside during recess - remain 3' apart
12. Masks are now parental choice for all mixing of students from different Teams - Math classes, after school clubs, and other joint Team activities
13. Art/Music/PE/Health classes separated
14. Hand washing practiced as directed by teachers

15. Mask breaks may be implemented and are a teacher's choice
16. 3' separation of students
17. N95 masks are available in health room
18. All quarantine / isolation protocols remain in place

Quarantine: students who are unvaccinated and have home exposure to COVID-19 should stay home for 5 days; test on day 5 with return to school on day 6 with a mask until day 10

- Quarantine: students and staff who are vaccinated and have home exposure may come to school wearing a mask through day 10; test on day 5
- Stay home for any, even mild, symptoms of illness and test for COVID-19; tests are available by contacting the health room
- Isolation: students and staff who test positive for COVID-19 should stay home for a full 5 days and may return to school wearing a mask for 5 days if fever free for at least 24 hours without fever reducing medication and with symptoms resolving
- Students and staff who begin to feel ill at school will need to wear a mask and return home immediately

### **Mask Plan at HES Beginning 3/7/22**

- A. Masks worn by students are now a parental choice**
- B. Parents with students in Teams Pre-K, K/1, A, B ,C who wish to have their children wear masks need to email their child's teacher who will remind the students to wear their masks**
- C. ALL students and staff will wear their masks while in all school offices (small enclosed spaces)**
- D. All HES Covid protocols and mitigation factors remain in effect**
- E. Masking plan may be changed by using the CDC's system of Covid rates based on the Green / Yellow / Orange rating system**

NOTE: The **Mask Plan at HES** will be in effect from 3/7/22 to 6/30/22 **OR** this plan may be updated based on a review of the conditions at HES on the first of each month by Dr. Olah, Ms. Roberson, and Ms. Danielson.

They will meet on the first of each month to review the Mask Plan and all other protocols in place on that date or sooner if Covid illness increases based on raising cases at HES and the color of the CDC's rating system. A revised plan may be issued.

This plan has been reviewed and accepted by Dr. Olah, Ms. Roberson, and Ms. Danielson. It was also reviewed by HES staff, BoE, and HES Reopening Discussion Group on 2/28/22.