

**Mooresville** Schools

Sept. 2, 2021

MHS Key Club delivered cookies to Mooresville's

emergency responders.

### **Bus Updates**

Due to a shortage of bus drivers, some routes may be delayed or canceled. Families will be notified by 6:45a.m. (MHS/PHMS) or 7:45a.m. (elementary) if there is a change in their bus route. In the event of a route cancellation, parents may transport their students that day or may choose to have their students eLearn. If your child will eLearn, please do the following:

MHS/PHMS: Call the school by 7:30 a.m. to inform the school the student will eLearn. Students should follow their Canvas schedule for the day **Continued on p. 3** 

## **IDOH COVID-19 Protocols**

The Indiana Department of Health (IDOH) has announced COVID-19 protocol changes which will cut back on the number of close contacts and quarantines due to a positive case of COVID-19 in a school. The changes allow those who are masked to contact trace only if they are within 3' of a person who tests

### Wear a mask. Stay in school.

#### **COVID-19 School Scenarios**

MASK REQUIREMENT When a masked person tests positive and close contacts are wearing masks





**NO QUARANTINE** SELE-MONITOR

When positive person and/or close contacts are not wearing masks

**NO MASK REQUIREMENT** 





QUARANTINE (UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED ТОМАТІС)

positive for COVID-19, IDOH graphic released September 1, 2021 -- find full flier on p. 6 as long as that person is masked as well, and not to guarantine.

This new protocol only applies if both parties are masked. If an unmasked person tests positive and is within 6' of others who are wearing masks, everyone must contact trace and guarantine regardless of their mask status.

To accommodate this policy, Mooresville Schools is asking all families to log into Skyward Parent Access and select a mask choice by noon on Friday, September 3.

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# **WELCOMING NEW PATIENTS**

Franciscan PHYSICIAN NETWORK HEARTLAND CROSSING PEDIATRICS

(844) 376-2778







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## **Control** "the Call

Families can control their notifications for school delays and closures as well as other types of messages through their child's Skyward account.

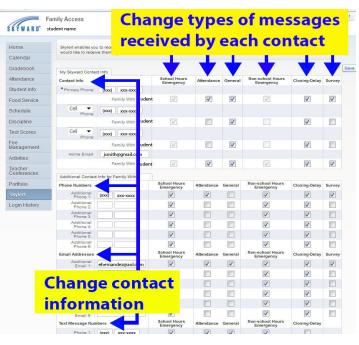
By clicking on the "Skylert" tab, parents can choose which types of messages (lunch balance, absent/tardy messages, delays and closures, etc.) are received by which person in the household. This way, families can add caregivers, grandparents, or even teen students to the school closure/delay calls without changing the status of who receives other types of messages.

For questions about the skyward system, please email



skyward@mooresvilleschools.org.







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## **Transportation Updates**

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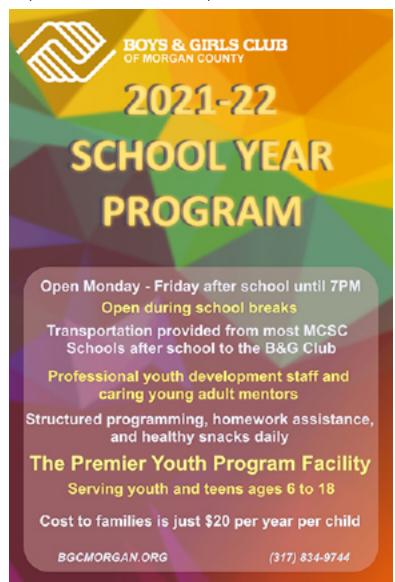
and will participate in WebEx live classes (for available classes, students must log in on time) and complete assignments for all classes. If a student is unable to log in to live classes, the student or parent should contact their teacher via email.

**Elementary:** Students who have internet access should log into Google Classroom and email their teacher with questions. Students who do not have internet access will get missing work the next day at school and turn it in the following day. Parents will not need to call the school. The school staff will note that the student is a rider of an affected bus route, and the teacher will watch for the child to complete



### **Beware of Fake Livestreams**

Fake events for Mooresville athletic livestreams have been popping up recently on Facebook. These fake events may charge a fee to watch an MHS athletic event livestream that will never show, as it is a scam. Mooresville High School athletic events will be livestreamed on PioneerTV, the official broadcast network for MHS or IHSAA TV. work online or watch for an email if there is an issue. Any families whose child will not be riding the bus this semester are encouraged to let the Transportation Department know as soon as possible.



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## **COVID-19 Protocol Updates**

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Beginning on Tuesday, September 7, all students whose families choose for them to wear masks in school will be seated where all students are wearing masks and have desks distanced at least 3' apart. CDC and IDOH guidance does not require contact tracing for masked individuals who are at desks 3' or more apart and facing forward. Please understand that those who choose masking still have a chance of being contact traced, such as in a lunchroom, a small group completing a task such as a science experiment, those within 3' on a school bus, or an extra-curricular situation, but their chances of being contact traced will diminish significantly with this new program.

For families who would like to have their student wear a mask, they will simply need to log into their Skyward Parent Access Account to check their preferred option. Per IDOH guidance, masked students will be contact traced at 3' intervals and unmasked students will continue to be contact traced at 6' intervals. Desks will still be separated as much as possible in every classroom.

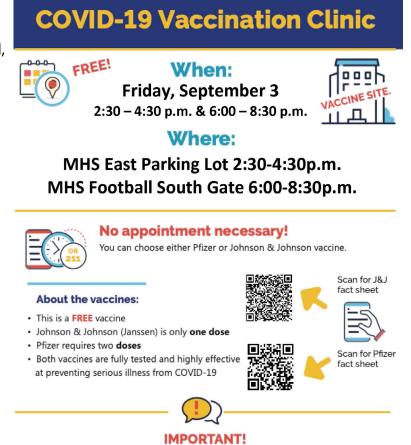
Vaccination status does not have any bearing on mask choice and vaccinated students may choose to wear masks or not to wear masks. A mask choice will greatly diminish the chances of being contact traced since

the tracing area will shrink from 6' to 3'. Under current IDOH guidance, vaccinated students do not have to quarantine if they are contact traced, but must follow extra precautions.

The parent/guardian decision about mask wearing will remain in place for at least the remainder of the semester. If a student whose parent agreed would be masked refuses to wear a mask, a call will be made to the parent. If the student continues to remove his/her mask, the parent will be informed that the student will be subject to 6' contact tracing.

Contact tracing is required of schools under Indiana Code 16-41-2-1. This law requires that congregate settings such as schools take part in contact tracing and quarantine under the guidance of the Indiana Department of Health.

Find additional information about COVID-19 protocols on p. 6-7 of this issue and at <u>MooresvilleSchools.org</u>



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The Pfizer vaccine is the only vaccine available to kids ages 12 to 17.



### Sept. 2,, 2021 **News Briefs**

Artwork by North Madison students for the Children's Museum Haunted House art contest

Join the Mooresville Team!: There are several support staff and substitute job openings at Mooresville Schools, including bus drivers (see our video!), classroom aides, custodians, and cafeteria workers. In addition to having a school schedule to match your children or grandchildren, employee benefits include access to Mooresville Schools Working Well Clinic for all employees (certified and non-certified, regardless of insurance status). Before and after school care is provided free of charge for elementary school-age dependants of full-time employees as well as part-time employees who are working during before and after school care hours. Visit our Employment Webpage to learn more!

**Community Information & Fliers**: Local nonprofit organizations with activities for school-age students may share their fliers through Mooresville Schools. Recent fliers include:

VFW and Auxiliary Voice of Democracy audio-essay scholarship competition (Gr. 9-12) VFW Auxiliary Young American Creative Patriotic Art Contest (Gr. 9-12) VFW and Auxilary Patriot's Pen Essay Contest (Gr. 6-8) **RipFest Diving Academy** Boys Back-to-School Basketball Camp (Gr. K-8) Girl Scouts (Gr. K-6) Cub Scouts (Newby and Northwood Elementary) Mooresville Ladies Jr. Basketball Registration (Gr. K-8)

**Check Out Our New Website:** MooresvilleSchools.org has a new look and is more accessible than ever for various devices. Be sure to visit our website for any school information you may need.

**Calendar Updates:** Be sure to mark your calendar for four eLearning days (students are not in school but will have virtual assignments) during 2021-22 school year. eLearning days include: Sept. 15, Nov. 17, Feb. 9, and April 13.

School Protocols for COVID-19: Mooresville Schools will follow all guidance from the Morgan County Health Department for the health and safety of school students, staff, and visitors. Find information about Mooresville's health and safety protocols related to COVID-19 on p. 6. Find additional information and resources on our COVID-19 Information webpage.

Upcoming **Events** 

Sept. 6 District Labor Day - No School

Sept. 10 District Mid-Term Grades

Sept. 15 District eLearning Day no in-person classes

Sept. 17 Northwood **School Picture Day** 

Sept. 17 Waverly **School Picture Day** 

> Sept. 17 MHS Homecoming





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## **COVID-19 School Scenarios**

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COVID +





ISOLATE



**SELF-MONITOR** 

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### **Close Contacts**





ISOLATE

**(UNLESS FULLY VACCINATED** AND ASYMPTOMATIC)

### DEFINITIONS

### **CLOSE CONTACT:**

When both people are masked, in school setting close contact is when an individual is within 3 feet of a positive person for greater than 15 minutes.

When either person is unmasked, a close contact is when an individual has been within 6 feet of an infected person for greater than 15 minutes.

### **SELF-MONITOR:**

Perform a self-check or be monitored twice daily for a fever of 100.4 F or above. If symptoms develop, even if you're fully vaccinated, quarantine and obtain testing. Coordinate with your healthcare provider and local public health department.

### **QUARANTINE:**

May be required when an individual has had a close contact. These individuals shall remove themselves from situations where others could be exposed/infected, and self-monitor for symptom development.

### **ISOLATION:**

Required when individual has tested positive for COVID-19 or develops a fever of 100.4 F or above and/or one or more of the following symptoms: a sudden onset of a cough, sudden onset of shortness

of breath, or sudden loss of taste or smell. Individuals should remove themselves or be removed from situations where others could be exposed/infected.



## Coronavirus COVID-19 Protocols 2021-2022 School Year

Please Note: These protocols reflect current guidance from federal, state and local health officials. Should guidance change, school protocols will be updated to reflect current information. 8/12/21

### The safety and well-being of our students and staff are of utmost importance. We appreciate everyone's help with the following guidelines for our return to school.

Masks are recommended for anyone who has not been vaccinated. Masks are not required; however, we respect the right of anyone who chooses to wear a mask at school.

Masks are required on school buses for the duration of CDC mask guidance for public transportation. Masks will be provided to those who do not have them.

Water bottling filling stations will remain open and water fountains will remain closed. Students will be asked to use water bottles at school.

**Close Contact and Quarantine** guidance will be following from IDOH in accordance with <u>Indiana Code 16-41-2-1</u>. Due to social distancing requirements for early returns, all close contact quarantines will be 14 days.

Assigned seating and increased spacing between students will remain in classrooms, the cafeteria, and other group settings to fulfill contact tracing obligations.

**Increased cleaning and disinfection** in all areas will remain in place. School air filtration systems meet or exceed all requirements for fresh air circulation.

Unvaccinated students or staff who are close contacts with someone who has COVID-19 must quarantine per health department guidance. No student or staff member will be asked about vaccination status except as part of a close contact situation.

Home COVID-19 test kits and Rapid Tests will not qualify as an alternate diagnosis or for an early return to school. A PCR test must be done to return to school if there are symptoms.

**Extracurricular activities** will resume with the same protocols as school attendance. IHSAA and ISSMA guidance will be followed.

Contact Tracing will still be in place in accordance with Indiana Department of Health guidelines.



Close contacts include anyone within 6' of the positive case for 15 minutes or more over the course of a day. There is a 48hour "lookback" for close contacts prior to symptom onset/positive test.

Additional resources are available at: www.Coronavirus.IN.gov

www.CDC.gov/coronavirus

### **Best Practices**

2020-21 taught us there are many important practices to help keep Pioneers healthy.

Proper hand washing is the best way to limit the spread of COVID-19. Students will have many opportunities each day to wash their hands and use sanitizer.

### Monitoring student health

before school each day is crucial. Students with a fever or <u>signs</u> <u>of illness</u> (including but not limited to: vomiting, diarrhea, uncontrolled cough, sore throat, and loss of taste or smell) should not come to school. Symptomatic students need a negative PCR test or alternate diagnosis to return to school.

### Vaccinations

are recommended by the CDC for anyone <u>age 12 or older</u>.

School health clinics

will have separate areas for students with symptoms.

### When in doubt,

stay home and contact your school's student health services or the Morgan County Health Department (765-342-6621) for guidance.

Close contacts who do not show proof of vaccination will be required to quarantine. Vaccinated close contacts who are asymptomatic do not need to quarantine.

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