

COVID–19 Mitigation Measures: Masking Criteria

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Maize USD 266 will consider the following data to determine when masking may be required of students and staff while indoors during the school day when social distancing is not possible. The intent of this additional measure is to decrease the spread of COVID-19 and the number of students impacted as high-risk close contacts during times when the COVID-19 virus is more prevalent in our schools. The status of each school will be determined by 3:00 p.m. each Friday and will be applicable immediately the following week.

- **Face Masks Optional, but Encouraged:** Fewer than 6% students in the school/building are considered COVID-19 impacted.
- **Face Masks Mandatory:** 6% or greater of the students in the school/building during the current week are considered COVID-19 impacted and will be required to wear face masks for the subsequent two weeks. Employees and students who provide proof of vaccination or proof of a positive COVID-19 test within the last six months will be encouraged to wear a face mask but not required.
- **District-Wide or School-Level Masking:** District-wide masking will be determined by the Board of Education.

** COVID-19 impacted numbers include the number of students confirmed COVID-19 positive as well as those considered high-risk close contacts.*

Additional comments:

- Per federal mandate, masks are required on all school transportation.
- Mask orders from federal, state, or county officials will be followed.
- These criteria may be changed at any time by the USD 266 Board of Education.