

COVID Masking

1. When Madison County's positivity test rate reaches the MODERATE (Yellow) level (see table below), as designated by the Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) for two consecutive weeks, masks will become OPTIONAL at the high school level in the Madison City School District. Thereafter, all contact tracing and exclusion responsibility will transfer from the MCS staff to the ADPH.

When Madison County's positivity test rate reaches the LOW (Blue) level (see table below), as designated by the ADPH for two consecutive weeks, masks will become OPTIONAL at the middle and elementary level in the Madison City School District. Thereafter, all contract tracing and exclusion responsibility will transfer from the MCS staff to the ADPH. Until all schools are at a mask-optional level, all persons entering the Central Office building will be required to wear a mask.

2. The district will use the weekly seven (7)-day average of positivity rates from the ADPH, released each Friday, to determine the level of designation for the district. If the ADPH level for Madison County rises above the SUBSTANTIAL (Orange) rate into the HIGH (Red) rate for two consecutive weeks, then the mask mandate would resume until such time that the positivity rate declines to MODERATE (Yellow) for high schools or LOW (Blue) for elementary and middle schools.
3. On January 1, 2022, all students and staff will follow the standard that when Madison County's positivity test rate reaches the MODERATE (Yellow) level (see table below), as designated by the ADPH for two consecutive weeks, masks will become OPTIONAL at all school levels in the Madison City School District. Thereafter, all contact tracing and exclusion will transfer from the MCS staff to the ADPH.
4. Facial coverings on school buses will remain mandatory for passengers and drivers (federal requirement). The ADPH has interpreted the federal order regarding facial covering on all forms of public transportation to include public school buses. This requirement supersedes the facial covering policy of the school system.
5. The masking procedures outlined in this matrix will terminate on May 25, 2022, unless terminated by the Board prior to this date.

Positivity Rate of Test

HIGH	(Red)	10% or above
SUBSTANTIAL	(Orange)	8 - 9.99%
MODERATE	(Yellow)	5 -7.99%
LOW	(Blue)	0 - 4.99%

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