

Mason Elementary School
Return to Learning Plan 2021-22
(plan was adopted on August 16, 2021)

Note: plan could change at any time based on new information learned about COVID

	Blue Phase	Green Phase	Yellow Phase	Red Phase
	Minimal Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial, Controlled Transmission	Substantial, Uncontrolled Transmission
Cases at MES (consideration given to Mason Community and Milford School District)	Positivity rate less than 5% < 5 cases	Positivity rate between 5-8% Between 6-8 cases	Positivity rate between 8 - 10% Between 9-11 cases	Positivity rate higher than 10% More than 12 cases
Instructional Model	In - Person Instruction If students are out sick they will be provided with work via google classroom or hard copy.	In - Person Instruction If students are out sick they will be provided with work via google classroom or hard copy.	Hybrid or remote instruction will be implemented either for individual classes or the entire school. In person instruction for critical needs students	No in-person instruction All students are remote
Masking	Use of masks indoors and outdoors will be optional when 3 feet of distancing can be maintained Strongly recommended for those with a weakened immune system OR who has a household member that is medically	Use of masks required indoors when social distancing of 3 or more feet can't be maintained. Masks outside will be recommended but remain optional. Masks will be required for anyone self observing for 14 days (due to close	Use of masks will be required inside and outside if social distancing (6 ft) can't be maintained	No in-person instruction

	<p>vulnerable</p> <p>Wearing of mask is fully supported by anyone that chooses to wear a mask</p> <p>Masks will be encouraged for anyone self observing(due to close community contact)</p>	<p>community contact)</p>		
Hygiene	<p>Hand washing and sanitizing will be required when entering and exiting the building and classrooms, before eating, and after using the restroom</p>	<p>Hand washing and sanitizing will be required when entering and exiting the building and classrooms, before eating, and after using the restroom</p>	<p>Hand washing and sanitizing will be required when entering and exiting the building and classrooms, before eating, and after using the restroom</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>
Student Grouping/ Cohorts	<p>By grade level</p> <p>Grades can mix at recess</p>	<p>By grade level</p> <p>Grades stay separate at recess</p>	<p>By grade level</p> <p>Grades stay separate at recess</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>
Entrances	<p>Walkers/car riders enter through main entrance</p> <p>Bus riders enter through back entrance</p>	<p>Walkers/car riders enter through main entrance</p> <p>Bus riders enter through back entrance</p>	<p>Walkers/car riders enter through main entrance</p> <p>Bus riders enter through back entrance</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>

<p>Screenings</p>	<p>Students and staff screen before leaving their homes</p> <p>Students and Staff STAY HOME when ill</p> <p>If staff or students become ill at school they report to the school nurse to be assessed.</p>	<p>Students and staff screen before leaving their homes</p> <p>Students and Staff STAY HOME when ill</p> <p>If staff or students become ill at school they report to the school nurse to be assessed.</p>	<p>Students and staff screen before leaving their homes</p> <p>Students and Staff STAY HOME when ill</p> <p>If staff or students become ill at school they report to the school nurse to be assessed.</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>
<p>Lunch</p>	<p>In classrooms at desks</p>	<p>In classrooms at desks</p>	<p>In classrooms at desks</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>
<p>Bus</p>	<p>Assigned seats - no more than 2 per seat</p> <p>Seated by grade level or household whenever possible</p> <p>Masks required</p> <p>Windows down whenever possible</p>	<p>Assigned seats - no more than 2 per seat</p> <p>Seated by grade level or household whenever possible</p> <p>Masks required</p> <p>Windows down whenever possible</p>	<p>Assigned seats - seated alone whenever possible</p> <p>Masks required</p> <p>Windows down whenever possible</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>
<p>Distancing</p>	<p>Minimum of 3 feet</p> <p>*More distancing whenever possible</p> <p>Minimum of 8 feet of distancing when singing and playing wind instruments</p>	<p>3-6 feet</p> <p>Minimum of 8 feet of distancing when singing and playing wind instruments</p>	<p>6 feet at all times</p> <p>No singing or playing of wind instruments</p>	<p>No in-person instruction</p>

Before/After School Activities and Facilities Use	Permitted using the same guidelines as during the school day	Permitted using the same guidelines as during the school day	No before and after school activities	No in-person instruction
Visitors and Volunteers	Limited and determined on a case by case basis Must follow safety protocols	Limited and determined on a case by case basis Must follow safety protocols	No outside visitors or volunteers	No in-person instruction
Cleaning	Daily cleaning and disinfecting of the building including a mid-day disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces Air filters changed quarterly	Daily cleaning and disinfecting of the building including a mid-day disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces Air filters changed quarterly	Daily cleaning and disinfecting of the building including a mid-day disinfecting of frequently touched surfaces Air filters changed quarterly	No in-person instruction
Vaccines	Encouraged but not mandatory At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine. Schools can not have different rules for those that are vaccinated vs those that are not.	Encouraged but not mandatory At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine. Schools can not have different rules for those that are vaccinated vs those that are not.	Encouraged but not mandatory At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine. Schools can not have different rules for those that are vaccinated vs those that are not.	

Water Fountains	Water bubblers will remain closed for use. Water refilling stations will be open.	Water bubblers will remain closed for use. Water refilling stations will be open.	Water bubblers will remain closed for use. Water refilling stations will be open.	No in-person instruction
Contact Tracing and Quarantining	<p>Contact tracing as needed for anyone less than 6 feet if unmasked and less than 3 feet if masked.</p> <p>Quarantine for unvaccinated household contacts only.</p> <p>Others must self-monitor for symptoms. If they become symptomatic, they must test for COVID or quarantine for 10 days.</p>	<p>Contact tracing as needed for anyone less than 6 feet if unmasked and less than 3 feet if masked.</p> <p>Quarantine for unvaccinated household contacts only.</p> <p>Others must self-monitor for symptoms. If they become symptomatic, they must test for COVID or quarantine for 10 days.</p>	Contact tracing and quarantining based on CDC and/or NH-DHHS guidelines	No in-person instruction

Other Important Information:

- At this point we plan to start the year in the Blue Phase based on the information we have right now (8/16/2021). You will be notified if there is a change to the phase.
- We have maintained many layers of mitigating strategies to reduce the chances of COVID entering the building.
- The mitigating strategies have been updated based on what we have learned over the last 18 months of the pandemic and how it impacted schools.
- The number 1 mitigating strategy is to stay home when ill! We will be asking for your help with this. Please DO NOT send your child to school with any illness/symptoms. Please contact Nurse Carrier to discuss symptoms. In the midst of a pandemic there is no such thing as “it’s just a

cold”. Everything will continue to be treated as COVID until we have another explanation for the illness or a negative COVID test (rapid or PCR).

- We are not sure of how the variants will impact us at the school and these strategies may need to change as we learn more.
- Masks will be optional in the Blue Phase, both inside and outside. NOTE: There may be times that the students will be encouraged to wear a mask during the Blue Phase if they will be participating in an activity that would require them to have close contact (less than 3 feet) for a significant amount of time (15 min or more). This will be at the discretion of the staff.
- Please provide a mask for your child to keep at school. We do have disposable masks at the school for those students that may not have their own from home.
- Masks MUST be worn on the school bus at ALL TIMES.
- If a student or staff member is found to be a close community contact to a COVID positive person they will need to self observe and follow NH DHHS guidelines to protect others i.e. masking, testing
- Top 5 symptoms for students ages 5-9
 1. Fever
 2. Headache
 3. Cough
 4. Runny Nose
 5. Nasal Congestion

