

**Mason Elementary School  
Return to Learning Plan 2021-22**

Plan was adopted on August 16, 2021

Plan updated on October 18, 2021

**Plan was update January 10, 2022**

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

	Blue Phase	Green Phase	Red Phase
	Minimal Transmission	Moderate Transmission	Substantial Transmission
<b>Cases at MES (consideration given to Mason Community and Milford School District)</b>	No cases in the school	1 or more cases in the school  *Cases considered when student/staff were in the building when shedding virus  *New variants and local community transmission MAY also impact this decision	No in- person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students as directed by Governor's executive order or advised by NH DHHS or due to staffing issues
<b>Instructional Model</b>	In person instruction  If students are out sick or quarantining they will be provided with work via google classroom or hard copy.	In person instruction  If students are out sick or quarantining they will be provided with work via google classroom or hard copy.	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students

Masking	<p>Use of masks indoors will be optional when 3 feet of distancing can be maintained</p> <p><b>Use of well fitting mask used for those returning from 5 day isolation and /or quarantine for 5 additional days</b></p> <p>Masks outside optional <b>except for those students/staff returning from 5 day isolation/quarantine. A mask must be worn during the 5 additional days unless distanced more than 6 feet from others</b></p> <p>Strongly recommended for those with a weakened immune system OR who has a household member that is medically vulnerable</p> <p>Wearing of mask is fully supported by anyone that chooses to wear a mask</p> <p>Targeted mask wearing may be required for classrooms that are seeing high numbers of non-COVID illness</p>	<p>Use of masks required indoors when social distancing of 6 feet can't be maintained.</p> <p><b>Use of well fitting mask used for those returning from 5 day isolation and /or quarantine for 5 additional days</b></p> <p>Masks outside will be recommended but remain optional <b>except for those students/staff returning from 5 day isolation/quarantine. A mask must be worn during the 5 additional days unless distanced more than 6 feet from others</b></p>	<p>No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students</p>
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<b>Hygiene</b>	Hand washing and sanitizing will be required when entering and exiting the building and classrooms, before eating, and after using the restroom	Hand washing and sanitizing will be required when entering and exiting the building and classrooms, before eating, and after using the restroom	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Student Grouping/ Cohorts</b>	By grade level  Can mix grades at recess	By grade level  <b>Grades spans that have directly been impacted by COVID will stay separate at recess</b>  <b>Grade spans not impacted by COVID may be able to mix during recess</b>	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Entrances</b>	Walkers/car riders enter through main entrance  Bus riders enter through back entrance	Walkers/car riders enter through main entrance  Bus riders enter through back entrance	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Screenings</b>	Students and staff screen before leaving their homes  Students and Staff STAY HOME when ill or <b>If anyone in the household is ill while awaiting COVID results unless fully vaccinated (including boosters)</b>  If staff or students	Students and staff screen before leaving their homes  Students and Staff STAY HOME when ill or <b>If anyone in the household is ill while awaiting COVID results unless fully vaccinated (including boosters)</b>  If staff or students	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students

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<b>Lunch</b>	In classrooms at desks	In classrooms at desks	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Bus</b>	Assigned seats - seated alone whenever possible  Seated by grade level or household whenever possible  Masks required  Windows down whenever possible	Assigned seats - seated alone whenever possible  Seated by grade level or household whenever possible  Masks required  Windows down whenever possible	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Distancing</b>	Minimum of 3 feet *More distancing whenever possible 6 feet is ideal  Minimum of 8 feet of distancing when singing and playing wind instruments	Minimum of 3 feet *More distancing whenever possible 6 feet is ideal  No singing or playing of wind instruments	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students

<b>Before/After School Activities and Facilities Use</b>	Permitted using the same guidelines as during the school day	Permitted using the same guidelines as during the school day	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students  No before and after school activities.
<b>Visitors and Volunteers</b>	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 protocol	No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students  No visitors or volunteers
<b>Cleaning</b>	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 for all or certain cohorts of students
<b>Vaccines</b>	Encouraged but not mandatory  At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine.	Encouraged but not mandatory  At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine.	Encouraged but not mandatory  At this time state law does not allow public schools to mandate the COVID vaccine.
<b>Water Fountains</b>	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 for all or certain cohorts of students

<b>Contact Tracing and Quarantining</b>	<p>Contact tracing as needed for anyone less than 6 feet if masked or unmasked</p> <p><b>Those that test positive for COVID (symptomatic or asymptomatic) must isolate for a minimum of 5 days.</b></p> <p><b>After day 5 and if symptoms are improving (fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication) they can return to school if they test negative on a rapid antigen test (test available through the school's health office)</b>  <b>AND</b>  <b>They must wear a well fitting mask for another 5 days. If unable to wear a well fitting mask or rapid test is still positive then they must complete the full isolation period of 10 days</b></p> <p><b>Unvaccinated household contacts must quarantine for 5 days after their last day of exposure from the COVID positive household member(s). If they have no symptoms after the 5 days of quarantine they may return to</b></p>	<p>Contact tracing as needed for anyone less than 6 feet if masked or unmasked</p> <p><b>Those that test positive for COVID (symptomatic or asymptomatic) must isolate for a minimum of 5 days.</b></p> <p><b>After day 5 and if symptoms are improving (fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication) they can return to school if they test negative on a rapid antigen test (test available through the school's health office)</b>  <b>AND</b>  <b>They must wear a well fitting mask for another 5 days. If unable to wear a well fitting mask or rapid test is still positive then they must complete the full isolation period of 10 days</b></p> <p><b>Unvaccinated household contacts must quarantine for 5 days after their last day of exposure from the COVID positive household member(s). If they have no symptoms after the 5 days of quarantine they may return to</b></p>	<p>No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students</p>

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Testing	<p>Antigen or PCR testing will be required for anyone that has unexplained symptoms before returning to school <b>even for those that have previously been infected with COVID</b></p> <p>Antigen testing can be done at Mason Elementary School for any students and staff Pk-5</p> <p>Parents and staff can also request PCR tests that they can take home to use on any household members</p> <p>MES will also hand out rapid tests for household when they are available</p>	<p>Antigen or PCR testing will be required for anyone that has unexplained symptoms before returning to school <b>even for those that have previously been infected with COVID</b></p> <p>Antigen testing can be done at Mason Elementary School for any students and staff Pk-5</p> <p>Parents and staff can also request PCR tests that they can take home to use on any household members</p> <p>MES will also hand out rapid tests for household when they are available</p>	<p>No in-person instruction for all or certain cohorts of students</p>

## **Other Important Information:**

**New As of 1/10/2022**

- **At the December 20, 2021 School Board meeting the Mason School Board gave the superintendent permission to make adjustments to the Return to Learning Plan as needed in emergency situations or as new information was provided from NH DHHS.**
- **Different cohorts of students could be in different phases of the plan ex) Red and Green phase**
- **Mask breaks will be provided when students are distanced 6 feet, when eating, and when outside. In most classrooms there is 6 feet of distance so masks can be taken off when students are seated at their desks.**
- **A well fitting mask is key to returning to school after 5 days. If a well fitting mask is not able to be worn then the students or staff member will not be allowed to return until the full isolation/quarantine has been completed. A 3ply well fitting surgical mask is preferred/suggested for post isolation/quarantine periods. The school is able to provide surgical masks for those students/staff that need them.**
- **Testing negative on an antigen test is necessary before returning from reduced isolation. Rapid antigen tests are available at the school but at home tests will also be accepted.**