

## Summer Programs: Masks and distancing protocols will be maintained for staff and students during indoor instructional summer programs.

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Dear Mayfield Parents, Students and Staff,

As the school year comes to a close I want to thank you for your cooperation and effort to maintain the safety and health protocols throughout this pandemic. Because of your efforts, we were able to provide both in-person and remote options for our students and their families for much of the school year.

As you know, the mask and distancing mandates for the State of Ohio changes as of June 2, 2021 for those who are vaccinated. However, CDC, CCBH and the Governor required the use of masks and social distancing in schools through the end of the school year. For some school districts, the end of the school year extends several days beyond June 2.

The Governor stated this on May 17:

"As you may have seen, the Centers for Disease Control recently revised their recommendations around mask guidance for individuals who are fully vaccinated. While Ohio will be amending its health orders to comply with this new CDC guidance, in order to maintain consistency and model safe behavior for Ohio's students, these changes do not affect the existing order requiring the use of facial coverings and other health protocols in our schools. With limited numbers of students vaccinated, it is important that we continue these safety measures through the end of the current school year."

The Governor, CDC and CCBH also outlined the following important points:

- On June 2<sup>nd</sup>, it will be up to the district if they continue masking or social distancing.
- Schools have been successful limiting spread by wearing masks.
- Children under 12 years of age cannot be vaccinated. <u>School district leaders have</u> been urged to take this into consideration in determining school pandemic protocols after June 2.
- In Ohio, beginning June 2, if a child has not been vaccinated, they should be isolated if they test positive for COVID.
- Vaccinated children do not have to quarantine or be tested if they are exposed.
- Unvaccinated children who are close contacts should quarantine.
- Local boards of health should determine if isolation and quarantine should occur, just as they have for other communicable diseases (i.e. measles and mumps) before COVID.
- While these are not state orders, isolation and quarantine are standard infection control practices.

## **Summer Program Health and Safety Protocols**

We have no way of knowing who is and is not vaccinated. Therefore, we will follow the guidance provided by the Governor, CDC and CCBH.

## Mayfield City Schools summer INSTRUCTIONAL programs and activities will require current PPE, mask and distancing protocols for all summer programs when:

- Inside one of our facilities
- Staff and students who are working together within 3- 6 feet of one another for more than 15 minutes
- On a school bus

## Instructional programs include:

- Summer school
- Extended School Year (ESY)
- Tutoring
- Academic Camps

Staff and adult visitors are not required to wear masks after June 2 when in our facilities if they are not working with children.

We expect more changes and adjustments to pandemic protocols throughout the summer heading into the 21-22 school year. We will continue to adjust accordingly.

Have a great summer!

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