






## FALL 2021 MITIGATION STRATEGIES

New guidance including requirements for fall programming was released by the CDC on July 9, 2021. Please see below for information regarding mitigation strategies that will be in place for our Lower School and Upper School programming this fall.

**We will monitor current health data and applicable local, state, and national guidance regarding updates to masking requirements or other related protocols.**

	Mitigation Strategies
 <p><b>Social Distancing &amp; PPE</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masks are <b>required</b> for all students (K-12) while inside the building, regardless of vaccination status</li> <li>• Masks are <b>required</b> for all students and staff while riding on Nova provided transportation</li> <li>• Masks <b>required</b> for all staff unless they are vaccinated <u>and</u> 6 ft. of distance can be maintained</li> <li>• Masks are not required outdoors if 3 ft. of distance can be maintained</li> <li>• Space will be created between students, with the goal of 3 ft. between students when possible</li> <li>• Seating charts will be used in all classroom spaces and buses</li> <li>• Opportunities for field trips, assemblies, and large gatherings will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Cleaning &amp; Disinfecting</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Upgraded HVAC system with bipolar ionization capabilities</li> <li>• Increased cleaning schedule during the school day</li> <li>• Additional hand sanitizing stations</li> <li>• Minimized sharing of high-touch materials and increased cleaning/ sanitation of shared materials</li> </ul>
 <p><b>Health &amp; Wellness</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents will assess students' health by answering the <a href="#">screening questions</a> prior to leaving for school each day</li> <li>• When a student is considered a “close contact” with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, options for quarantining will be provided to families regarding best practices, and will be individualized based on circumstances. Generally, individuals who are able to show that they have been vaccinated or masked during their close contact will not be required to quarantine. Unvaccinated students who are determined to be in close contact with a positive case while not wearing a mask will follow the quarantine requirements as outlined by the <a href="#">MDH Decision Tree</a></li> <li>• If health conditions dictate, more aggressive mitigation measures - such as closure or other interruption of a class or program - may be considered</li> </ul>

**Reference Documents:** Most recent [MDE Prevention Guidance](#) (June 30); [CDC Guidance](#) (July 9); [AAP Guidance](#) (July 18)