

August 31, 2021

Mapleton Families,

This afternoon, Tri-County Health Department issued a revised Public Health Order for schools and childcare settings based on current transmission data. The [new Public Health Order](#):

- Rescinds the option for counties to opt-out of the Public Health Order, and
- Replaces the previous mask order with a **universal mask order for all individuals aged 2 years and older in all school and childcare settings, regardless of vaccination status.**

The new health order and universal mask mandate will go into effect tomorrow, Wednesday, Sept. 1.

What this means for Mapleton:

- Starting tomorrow, **masks will be required for all students (aged 2 years and older) and staff** while in a Mapleton school, regardless of vaccination status.
- Masks will not be required during outdoor activities.

This new order will be in effect until Dec. 31, unless amended, extended, or rescinded.

I understand that with such frequent and complex changes also comes emotion and confusion. I am grateful for our partnership as we continue to navigate this dynamic situation together with a sharp focus on our shared goal – assuring the safety and wellbeing of our students, staff, and community. In our schools, our focus on learning and attention to academic excellence remains consistent and unwavering. Although the guidance may evolve, the learning never stops. Thank you for your continued support of our schools. If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your school's director.

Mapleton Online will continue to be an option for K-12 families. At Mapleton Online, students follow a regular school schedule and participate in live classroom sessions with expert online teachers. For more information or to enroll in Mapleton Online, call 303.853.1780.

Vaccines and testing

According to the Center for Disease Control, mask-wearing and vaccination are the two most important tools Coloradans can use to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and bring us closer to ending the pandemic. For students 12 and older, we encourage families to consider getting the vaccine. 9Health is hosting a series of vaccination clinics at the Skyview Campus. [Reserve your vaccine here.](#)

We will begin offering in-school testing for all students and staff next week. As an additional layer of protection, everyone is encouraged to participate in COVID testing regardless of vaccination status every two weeks. Test dates and consent forms will be available soon.

Thank you,
Charlotte Ciancio
Superintendent of Schools