2021-22
D51 Keeping
Schools Open Plan

Board Presentation 8/3/21
Presentation Goals

- Review Part of Last Year’s Plan
- Review Last Year’s COVID Data
- Review Current Mesa County COVID Data
- Review Current Vaccination Data
- Review Latest State & Federal Guidance
- Review Other CO District Plans
- Next Steps
Review of 2020-21
Safe Schools Reopening Plan
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Elementary In-Person Learning:**
  - In-person learning will take place 5 days a week.
  - All K-5 students will remain in their cohort as much as possible.
  - Schools could shift to remote learning for certain time periods based on closure orders from the State or County Health Department (days, weeks, months), or based on confirmed COVID cases at specific school sites.
  - By attending in-person learning, students, families, and staff agree to follow all school safety, health, and hygiene practices.
Elementary In-Person Learning:

- Symptom screening of all students and staff prior to school starting each day.
- Daily symptom screening will be done by parent or student self-reporting. Those students whose parents don’t report will need to have symptom screening done as soon as possible by the health assistant.
- Schools will have separate rooms for symptomatic students and students receiving first aid and routine medical care.
- Throughout the day, students who show symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent to the health office for a symptom screening.
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Elementary In-Person Learning:**
  - Face coverings over the nose and mouth are encouraged for students in grades K-5 unless they cannot medically tolerate a face covering (a medical exemption required). Masks will not be required for students during outdoor recess & exercise activities.
  - Face coverings must be worn:
    - When entering & exiting the building.
    - When in the hallway, transitioning between rooms.
    - When students are outside of their established cohort (homeroom class) and 3 ft. physical distancing cannot be maintained.
    - When teachers/staff feel the need for masks is necessary within an established cohort, such as during small group work.
    - When riding the bus.
Secondary In-Person Learning:
- In-person learning will take place 5 days a week.
- Each grade level will be considered its own cohort, and within each grade level students will stay with their smaller cohorts throughout the day as much as possible. (MS Only)
- Schools could shift to remote learning for certain time periods based on closure orders from the State or County Health Department (days, weeks, months), or based on confirmed COVID cases at specific school sites.
- By attending in-person learning, students, families, and staff agree to follow all school safety, health, and hygiene practices.
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Secondary In-Person Learning:**
  - Symptom screening of all students and staff prior to school starting each day.
  - Daily symptom screening will be done by parent or student self-reporting. Those students whose parents don't report will need to have symptom screening done as soon as possible by the health assistant.
  - Schools will have separate rooms for symptomatic students and students receiving first aid and routine medical care.
  - Throughout the day, students who show symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent to the health office for a symptom screening.
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Secondary In-Person Learning:**
  - Face coverings over the nose and mouth are required for students in grades 6-12 unless they cannot medically tolerate a face covering (a medical exemption required). Masks will not be required for students during outdoor & exercise activities. Mask breaks can occur when physical distancing is possible.
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Secondary In-Person Learning:**
  - Limit transitions & number of students in the hallways throughout the day by adjusting schedules when possible.
  - “Highway” system for hallways.
  - Physical distancing will be implemented to the greatest extent possible. Teachers and other adult staff should make the greatest effort to adhere to 6-foot distancing from each other, as adult risk and disease transmission potential is higher than students.
  - Student desks will be spaced apart as much as possible.
Review of 2020-21 Safe Schools Reopening Plan

- **Elementary & Secondary In-Person Learning:**
  - Face coverings over the nose and mouth are required for all staff, including during in-person instruction unless they cannot medically tolerate a face covering.
  - If needed, face coverings may be temporarily removed or transparent alternatives, such as face shields, may be substituted when face coverings interfere with instruction.
  - If necessary, the mask may be removed for instruction for the shortest duration possible.
  - Even when in a cohort (classroom), face coverings over the nose and mouth are required for all staff.
Review of 2020-21 COVID-19 Data
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- Key Data From the 2020-21 School Year:
  - # of Students Quarantined: 10,183
  - # of Days of Lost Instruction: 126,189
  - # of Students COVID-19-Positive: 1,293
  - # of Cases (age 5 to 18) Where School was the Source of Transmission: 118 (this includes non-D51 schools)
  - # of Staff Quarantined (due to direct exposure): 811
  - # of Staff COVID-19-Positive: 374
# Review of 2020-21 Data

**Aug 2020 - May 2021**

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2021-22 District 51
Keeping Schools Open Plan
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- Face Coverings:
  - Face coverings will not be required for any D51 student or staff member. This includes all D51 facilities.
  - Face coverings are still highly recommended for students and staff who are not fully vaccinated.
  - Face coverings will be required on buses, in compliance with federal law.
Quarantining (household contact, non-symptomatic):
  - We will not be quarantining fully vaccinated, non-symptomatic students and staff.
  - If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, the unvaccinated members of their household will be quarantined.

Isolation/Potential Isolation (symptomatic):
  - Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be asked by MCPH to isolate for 10 days.
  - In the event of receiving a subsequent negative test result after receiving a positive test result, students or staff will still be asked to isolate out of an abundance of caution. Negative results don't negate a positive test.
  - Regardless of vaccination status, students or staff who show symptoms commonly associated with COVID-19 will be sent home for 10 days, but can return earlier with a resolution of symptoms and a negative COVID-19 test.
COVID-Like Symptoms

Loss of taste or smell
Fever (100.4°F or higher)
Chills
New or worsening cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Headache
Sore throat
Muscle or body aches
Congestion or runny nose
Fatigue
Nausea or vomiting
Diarrhea
Same-Day In-School Testing (Not Finalized)

- When a student or staff member exhibits COVID-like symptoms, they will be treated like a potentially COVID-positive individual until proven otherwise.
- The student or staff member will be isolated from the class but can return earlier with a resolution of symptoms and a negative COVID-19 test.
- Currently, a family member will need to pick up their symptomatic student and take them to get tested. A symptomatic staff member will need to get themselves tested.
- If the symptomatic student or staff member decide to not get tested, they will have to isolate for 10 days.
- We are currently working on offering same-day testing at all of our school sites. This will allow us to test students (with adult consent) and staff onsite so that they don’t have to leave the school to get tested.
- Until we are able to fully implement same-day in-school testing, families and staff can take advantage of CUE testing (same-day testing) at our two school-based testing sites and the MCPH testing site.
2021-22 District 51 Keeping Schools Open Plan

- Contact tracing will still occur throughout the district, and families of students who were in a classroom with an individual who was COVID-19-positive will be notified.
- COVID attendance codes will still be entered daily as this data is valuable for us to be able to monitor COVID-19 levels throughout the district.
- COVID leave will be available for staff who have not previously used their allotted amount. Staff will not be reporting daily symptoms.
- Remember, while the COVID-19 vaccine isn't required for students or staff, **FULLY VACCINATED STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL NOT HAVE TO QUARANTINE IF SOMEONE IN THEIR HOUSEHOLD TESTS POSITIVE.**
2021-22 District 51 Keeping Schools Open Plan

- We will continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our county on a regular basis and make changes where needed. D51 leadership is in constant communication with MCPH, and we will make adjustments to the “Keeping Schools Open Plan,” if needed.
- Depending on various factors surrounding COVID-19 in our community, this could mean reducing protocols/procedures or reintroducing protocols/procedures that were suspended.
Current Mesa County Data
121.3 One-Week Cumulative Incidence Rate

3.3% One-Week Average Positivity

12 Days of stable or declining hospitalizations

Number of cases per 100,000 residents (excluding cases of residents in congregate facilities)

No more than 5% No more than 5% No more than 7.5%

12-14 Days 8-11 Days 0-7 Days

Critical Standards of Care, Significant PPE or Staff Shortages

Data from CDPHE Dial Dashboard

Last Update: August 3, 2021

Variants in Mesa County

880 total Delta (B.1.617.2) variant cases in Mesa County
Cases of COVID-19 by Week of Illness Onset

Onset graph does not include individuals who were asymptomatic, didn't participate in contact tracing, or are currently under investigation.
- 83.7% of Mesa County COVID-19 Hospitalizations (since April 1) Are Unvaccinated
- 79.3% of Mesa County COVID-19 Deaths (since April 1) Are Unvaccinated
- 86.8% of Mesa County COVID-19 Cases (since April 1) Are Unvaccinated

### Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Vaccination Status

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Weekly Cases per 100,000, 2021-03-28 to 2021-07-31

Week Starting

- April: 58.58
- May: 188.77
- June: 290.96
- July: 238.89
- Aug. 29: 141.25
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<th>COUNTY (15 most populous)</th>
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**Surrounding counties**

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<td>Delta</td>
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Vaccination Data
The best thing we can do to protect ourselves, our families, and our communities is to get vaccinated against COVID-19, and to get our children vaccinated as soon as they are eligible. Vaccinated people are unlikely to get sick with COVID-19 or spread it to others. Vaccination is the path back to normal this year. Today, all Coloradans aged 12 and older can get vaccinated.
12 & UP

CHOOSE TO VACCINATE YOUR TEEN

Ages 12 to 17 can get the Pfizer vaccine. It’s as easy as seeing their doctor.
# Current D51 Staff Vaccination Rates (as of 7/26/21)

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<td>Teachers</td>
<td>64.6%</td>
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<td>Mesa County</td>
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## Current Mesa County Student Vaccination Rates

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Current State & Federal Guidance
CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status. Children should return to full-time in-person learning in the fall with layered prevention strategies in place.

To maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an area of substantial or high transmission.

Mesa County is currently labeled as “high transmission.”

Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
• Guidance that strongly recommends local leaders and school leaders take a layered approach to prevention as described above. Communities with higher rates of transmission and low vaccination rates should continue to take heightened COVID-19 precautions. Local public health still has the authority to enforce local public health orders, which may include quarantine requirements.

• The following criteria constitute higher risk:
  ○ The community has a vaccination rate under 70% among individuals age 12 and older. (MCPH = 47%)
  ○ The school has a vaccination rate under 70% among staff and students age 12 and older. (D51 = <70%)
  ○ The community’s transmission rate is above 35 cases per 100,000 people over a seven-day period. (MCPH = 133)
When schools and/or their communities have low vaccination rates and are experiencing high rates of community transmission (defined as 35 cases per 100,000 people over seven days), the local public health agency should work with schools and school districts to institute higher precautionary measures, such as:

- Masking.
- Increased physical distancing.
- Serial COVID-19 testing.
- Contact tracing.
- Targeted quarantining.
- Limiting high risk activities.
Mask Wearing

- The CDC recommends universal indoor masking for all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to K-12 schools, regardless of vaccination status.
- The state recommends local public health agencies and school districts consider either mask requirements for all unvaccinated individuals or all individuals in schools, particularly in higher-risk environments.
- In addition, even when not required by local public health or a school district, unvaccinated and vaccinated staff and students may choose to wear masks.
- Schools and school districts should ensure that every classroom is a welcome environment for students and staff who choose to protect themselves in this manner.
Monitoring and Communication

- While fully vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine if they are exposed to someone with COVID-19, all individuals who are exposed should monitor themselves for symptoms for 14 days and get tested if symptoms develop.
- We continue to recommend alerting students, staff, and parents of known classroom exposures so all individuals are appropriately informed, will monitor closely for symptoms, and may choose to increase personal mitigation measures as necessary when living or working with vulnerable individuals (e.g. a high school student who volunteers in a nursing home or who lives with an immunosuppressed relative).
Quarantine for Routine Classroom Exposures

- The state recommends counties, schools, and individuals that meet any of the below metrics shift to a transmission control strategy, with quarantine not required for routine classroom exposures. Large outbreaks or important circulating variants may necessitate more stringent disease control strategies at the discretion of the local public health agency (LPHA).
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<td>High rates of school community COVID-19 vaccination</td>
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<td>• Counties with $\geq 70%$ of people aged 12 and older with at least one COVID-19 vaccination</td>
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<td>Low community transmission</td>
<td>High rates of weekly school screening testing</td>
<td>Participating in weekly screening testing</td>
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<td>• Counties with $&lt; 35$ cases per 100K per 7 days</td>
<td>• $\geq 70%$ of unvaccinated staff and students participating in weekly testing</td>
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<td>OR</td>
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The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends in-person learning and urges all who are eligible to be vaccinated to protect against COVID-19.

In addition to vaccinations, the AAP recommends a layered approach to make school safe for all students, teachers and staff in the guidance here. That includes a recommendation that everyone older than age 2 wear masks, regardless of vaccination status.

The AAP also amplifies the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s recommendations for building ventilation, testing, quarantining, cleaning and disinfection in the updated guidance.
CO District Plans
Adams 12 (Adams County - Vaccination Rate = 61.3%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 93.7)

- Face coverings
  - Students: Masks are optional, not required, for all students.
  - Staff: All staff are required to wear masks when in schools and district buildings regardless of vaccination status.
  - Adult visitors and volunteers: All adults in schools and district buildings are required to wear masks regardless of vaccination status.
  - Buses: Masks are required for everyone on district buses per federal law.
  - Outdoors: Masks are not required for anyone when outdoors.
- Quarantines
  - Students and staff will not be required to quarantine unless the school is experiencing an outbreak. An outbreak is defined as five cases or more tied to the original positive case. We will no longer notify school communities about positive and/or symptomatic cases.
Aurora  (Arapahoe County - Vaccination Rate = 65.4%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 88.3)

- Face Masks
  - Masks will be strongly recommended for all students who are unvaccinated.
  - All staff who are vaccinated will not be required to wear face masks at schools and district sites.
  - All staff members who are unvaccinated will be required to wear masks in the workplace.

- Quarantines as a Response to Possible Exposure
  - In accordance with health guidance, APS will no longer require proactive quarantining of those who may have been exposed to a positive and/or symptomatic individual.
DPS (Denver County - Vaccination Rate = 79.9%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 93.2)

- Face Masks
  - Masks will be required inside school buildings for all DPS students, staff, and visitors, whether they are vaccinated or not.
  - Masks will not be required outdoors, nor will they be required for vaccinated staff members who are working alone in their offices or workspaces.
Douglas County
(Douglas County - Vaccination Rate = 68.3%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 95.9)

- Face Masks
  - For students ages 11 and under: in alignment with local and state guidance, face coverings will be strongly encouraged while learning indoors, but will not be required.
  - For students ages 12 and over: in alignment with local and state guidance, face coverings will be strongly encouraged for anyone who is 12+ years and not fully vaccinated, but will not be required.
Eagle (Eagle County - Vaccination Rate = 75.6%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 105.3)

- **Face Masks**
  - Face coverings will no longer be required for any student or staff member, however, masks may be worn as a matter of personal preference.
  - Mask use will be supported if individuals choose to wear them.
  - Face coverings will not be required in educational spaces or activities, but may be necessary on school buses, due to state and federal travel requirements. We will have a final decision on mask requirements on buses as we get closer to the start of the school year.

- **Quarantines**
  - Quarantines of healthy/asymptomatic students and staff are discontinued.
  - Should a student or staff member show symptoms commonly associated with COVID, they will be asked to remain home and isolated for 10 days (unless they provide documentation of being fully vaccinated).
  - If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID, then they will be asked to remain home and isolated for 10 days.
  - The person in isolation may return if they receive a negative COVID test after day 5 of isolation.
JeffCo  
(Jefferson County - Vaccination Rate = 70%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 74.9)

- Face Masks
  - JeffCo will require masks for children 11 and younger.
  - Children older than that are strongly encouraged to wear masks if they are not vaccinated and urged to mask up even if they are.
  - Staff will have to inform the Jeffco district of their vaccination status by Aug. 16, and those who are not vaccinated will be required to wear a mask.
  - Vaccinated staff will also be encouraged to wear a mask as well.
  - Visitors will be allowed in the schools this coming academic year but will all be required to wear masks.
Montrose  (Montrose County - Vaccination Rate = 45%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 142.6)

- Face Masks
  - Masks are recommended for all unvaccinated students and staff, though mask use is not mandatory. School staff will ensure a climate of respect in regard to individual choices regarding mask wearing.

- Quarantine
  - MCSD will only quarantine close contacts following confirmed Covid exposure.
  - Vaccinated individuals (who are asymptomatic) are not required to quarantine after COVID exposure.
Roaring Fork (Garfield County - Vaccination Rate = 57.6%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 93.1) (Gunnison County - Vaccination Rate = 70%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 131.5) (Pitkin County - Vaccination Rate = 80%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 191.5) (Eagle County - Vaccination Rate = 75.6%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 105.3)

- All students will wear masks indoors (masks will not be required outdoors)
  - Staff will wear masks in the presence of students
  - Visitors are to wear masks while in school buildings
  - Everyone will wear masks on school transportation vehicles
  - Staff who have furnished proof of vaccination will not need to wear masks when students aren’t present.
- Once the following conditions are met, the mask mandate in schools can be lifted.
  - When a school reaches a 70% vaccination rate for everyone in the building — including staff and students
  - When a community reaches a 70% vaccination rate
  - When the county reaches an incidence rate below 35 per 100,000 over the past seven days (currently that number is 94.7 per 100,000 for Garfield County)
Westminster
(Adams County - Vaccination Rate = 61.3%, 7-Day Incidence Rate = 93.7)

- Face Masks
  - All students, staff and teachers will be required to wear masks when indoors. The district has a stockpile of masks available for those who need them.
Masking: Fully vaccinated people can go without masks in 27J Schools and properties. Unvaccinated students or adults over the age of 12 should continue to wear face masks while at school. All students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses. In general, students and staff do not need to wear masks outside during gym or recess, but are encouraged to do so in crowded outdoor settings if they are not vaccinated and levels of virus transmission are high.

- All 27J Schools’ staff will be wearing a mask if they have not been fully vaccinated.
- Masks are recommended — but not required — for students, families and the public who are not vaccinated, which includes all children under 12. This is the same rule as the rest of our state and county, and we believe our families have the responsibility to make the protective decision for their student based on vaccination status and personal circumstances.
- Any student and staff member may choose to wear a mask even if they have been fully vaccinated, and we will ensure a safe and inclusive school environment that promotes this personal choice.
- Quarantining: Students and staff who are fully vaccinated and do not have COVID symptoms do not need to quarantine or get tested after they are exposed to someone with the virus. People who are not fully vaccinated should still quarantine after a recent exposure.
- 27J Schools will inform your student and family of a possible exposure.
- It will be your family decision, informed by the health and wellness of your student and their vaccination status that quarantines a student.
- There may still be mandatory quarantining in the event of an outbreak with multiple covid positive individuals within a cohort.
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- 8/4/21 - Keeping Schools Open Task Force Meeting
- 8/6/21 - Update from Dr. Sirko on Plan for Opening Schools
- 8/9/21 & 8/11/21 - Schools Open
- 8/9/21 & Beyond - continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation in our county on a regular basis and make changes where needed.
- 8/17/21 - COVID Update at Board Meeting
**Mesa County Valley School District 51**  
Licensed and Administrative Personnel Action

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