

Queen Bee 16 Updated Layered Mitigation Plan

Queen Bee School District 16 will continue to deploy a layered mitigation plan consisting of the following measures to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in our schools:

1. All students and staff members are to remain home if they are experiencing any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19. The current list of symptoms can be found at the following CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>.
2. All students and staff members who experience or display any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19 will be immediately sent home with a recommendation to seek testing.
3. All individuals who are medically eligible are encouraged to vaccinate to preserve their own health and to decrease the chances of spreading COVID-19 in our community.
4. Air Filters on District HVAC Equipment will remain at the current elevated levels and be replaced at 50% of their recommended cycle of use to ensure their efficacy.
5. Students will continue to have the opportunity to have their temperature checked at all entry points to our school at the beginning of each day.
6. Students will continue to be seated at 3 feet of Social Distance in the classroom or in the Lunchroom; however, the desks may be arranged so that students may face one another for instructional purposes if the 3 feet of Social Distance can be maintained.
7. Students and Staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to quarantine for a minimum of Five (5) days following the onset of symptoms. Students and Staff who test positive may return to School and School functions after 5 days if they are symptom-free. However, individuals whom have tested positive will be required to wear masks for 10 days from the onset of their symptoms and eat at a distance of 6 feet or more from other individuals.
8. The District will continue to employ the use of Adaptive Pause when a cluster of cases can be linked to school-based transmission. In the event of an Adaptive Pause, all students who are impacted will be supported through Remote Instruction, and the District will work with the Health Department to review the mitigation plan and to ensure a safe return to In-person Instruction.
9. The School District will continue to Contact Trace in any case where we are notified that an individual in one of our settings has later tested positive. Families of students and employees will be notified when the District is aware of a potential exposure.
10. Individuals who have been a confirmed close contact must Quarantine and seek a test if they experience any of the symptoms associated with COVID-19.
11. The wearing of Individual Masks remains Required while riding on a District 16 School Bus
12. The wearing of Individual Masks is Strongly Recommended in Congregate or Group Settings when the case positivity rate of COVID-19 in our Community, as indicated by publicly available Zip Code Data, is above 2%.

13. The wearing of Individual Masks is not recommended when outdoors, when 6 feet or more of Social Distance can be guaranteed, or when Case Positivity is minimal or at 2% or below.
14. Beginning February 25th, 2022, the District will publish on our website www.queenbee16.org the aggregated data for our school district to include:
 - a. Number of Students testing positive during that week
 - b. Number of Staff Members testing positive during that week
 - c. The Number of Classrooms that required an Adaptive Pause due to a cluster of cases in a short period of time

The safety of all individuals remains our priority as we proceed through this public health emergency. We continue to believe that the use of a layered mitigation plan has kept the spread of COVID-19 among students and among our staff to a minimum throughout this public health emergency. We also know that no single strategy or layer is the reason for the minimal transmission in our schools that we have experienced. We will continue to monitor our local data and the data from our students, families, and employees closely and do our best to match the level of our mitigations to the intensity of the threat that we are facing at any time. We will remove or relax layers of mitigation one at a time, as the situation dictates, and monitor the data to ensure that our mitigations continue to match the intensity of the threat that we are facing.