

Carroll ISD COVID-19 Response Team

April 29, 2021 Meeting Update

School Board Presentation: May 3, 2021

Carroll ISD COVID-19 Response Team

- The Carroll ISD COVID-19 Response Team held their monthly meeting on April 29, 2021.
- A variety of topics were discussed as well as recommendations for changes. The epidemiologist from Tarrant County Public Health was in attendance as well.

Information from other districts

- Carroll ISD reached out to other districts to gather information on how they were proceeding with protocols as the school year is coming to a close.

Information from other districts

	Crowley	Northwest	Arlington	Grapevine Colleyville	Keller	Eagle Mountain Saginaw	Mansfield	Birdville	White Settlement
Are you waiving a quarantine if the two parties were within 3 feet and both wearing masks?	no	yes	no	yes	yes	yes	yes	yes	no
Are masks optional outside?	no	yes	only for physical activity	only for physical activity	yes	yes	only for physical activity	yes	no
Are masks optional inside?	no	no	only for PK & K	no	no	no	under 3rd-yes, above 3rd- no	required for 10 and up	3yr recommended, 4yr and up required
Are you allowing parents in the building to eat lunch with their child?	not yet	no	no	no	no	no	no	no	no
Is your district allowing banquets for student clubs, teams and organizations? Are they serving food?	yes, buffet style	yes, but no food	no banquets, yes to prom and food	yes, no food	yes, plated or boxed meals	yes, pre-packed food	yes, boxed food	yes, yes	yes, pre-packed or served food
Do you contact trace an outside exposure such as a baseball dugout or recess?	depends, case by case	yes	depends	yes, depends on the case	yes	yes, depends on the case	yes for school-related activities	yes, case by case	yes for school-related activities

Masks as a mitigating factor for quarantine

- The Response Team discussed masks being a mitigating factor when determining if a quarantine is required.
 - Those who were at least 3 feet apart from a person who later tested positive for COVID-19, would not need to quarantine provided that both parties were wearing a mask (keep in mind that if an individual is vaccinated, that too, prevents that individual from being quarantined).

Elementary Mask Protocols

- The committee discussed students PK-4 having the option to remove their mask when seated in the classroom.
- Masks would still be required when moving around the classroom and in hallways.
- The committee also discussed masks being optional during Physical Education for PK-4 students.

Elementary End-of-Year Celebrations

- Elementary Graduation
 - In person attendance will occur for each campus.
 - Safety protocols will be in place for each campus.
 - Principals will communicate protocols at a later date for parent information.
- The protocols that will be implemented will be discussed with Tarrant County Public Health before proceeding.

Graduation

- Will follow social distancing protocols
 - Students would be 6 feet apart on the field
 - Those on stage will be 6 feet apart
- Both the home and visitor side of Dragon Stadium will be utilized.
- Masks would be optional for staff and students as long as they are appropriately social distanced, however they are recommended for attendees who are sitting closer than six feet from other attendees not in their family group
 - Masks were made optional when outside and social distanced at the April 5, 2021 Board meeting.
- Tickets would not be required.
- The graduation ceremony will be live streamed for those who cannot attend or do not feel comfortable attending.

Prom

- Prom will be held on May 15, 2021 at the DFW Hyatt Regency Hotel.
- There will be 6 to a table and masks will be required when not eating.
- The meal will be a plated meal served by hotel staff.
- It is a CISD students only event and approximately 300 tickets have been sold so far.

COVID-19 Protocols Going Forward

- The committee discussed Carroll ISD following all COVID-19 protocols as required by the Texas Education Agency through May 28, 2021, as they state that they must be followed through the end of the school year.
- Beginning on June 1, 2021, the committee suggests making masks optional for staff and students.
 - This recommendation could change if COVID-19 numbers increase.
 - Contact tracing and quarantining would still occur as required.

COVID-19 Protocols Going Forward

- Results from the previous surveys sent to both staff and parents had more than a 50% response rate to keep mask protocols in place through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year, which is why the COVID-19 Response Team is advocating for a June 1, 2021 mask optional date.
- If masks become optional prior to June 1, that would have an impact to DVA numbers, STAAR testing groups, and staff members with health concerns finishing out the remainder of the school year.

COVID-19 Protocols Going Forward

- If the COVID-19 numbers continue to trend downward and vaccines continue to be administered, Tarrant County Public Health believes that in the fall we will treat COVID-19 similar to influenza or any other vaccine preventable disease.
 - This would include no longer having to contact trace or quarantine.

Recommendations

- It is the recommendation of the COVID-19 Response Team that the Board consider the following changes:
 - Remove close contact designation if both parties were masked and at least 3 feet apart at the time of exposure.
 - PK-4 students have the option to remove their mask when seated in their classroom and during physical education class (this allows 4th graders to be included in the less-restrictive current elementary protocols).
 - Beginning on June 1, 2021, masks would be optional for staff and students, with the caveat that this could change if COVID-19 numbers increase.
 - Close contact tracing and quarantining (if necessary) will still occur until we are told otherwise by Tarrant County Public Health.

Communications Plan

- Live Tweets shared via Twitter during May 3, 2021 School Board meeting
- May 3, 2021 COVID-19 Response Team presentation live streamed/archived by Swagit on CISD website
- Updated protocols/changes added to Carroll ISD's COVID-19 website
- Direct email message (Outlook) from Superintendent or CISD Leadership Team to all employees following Board presentation/action
- Direct email message (Skyward Family Access) from Superintendent or CISD Leadership Team to all Dragon families following Board presentation/action
- Updated protocols/changes announced on MySouthlakeNews.com
- MySouthlakeNews.com story shared on CISD Facebook/Twitter accounts
- MySouthlakeNews.com story shared in daily Dragon eBlast.