



NEWS RELEASE

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Park City School District announced this week that wearing facemasks will be encouraged for all vaccinated and non-vaccinated students and all staff returning to school in the coming weeks, but in alignment with HB1007, masks will not be required for in - person attendance. CDC did release information this week recommending that all attendees within K12 schools, vaccinated or not, continue wearing masks as one preventative measure to reduce the transmission of COVID and more specifically the more transmissible Delta variant.

"At this time, we are maintaining the mitigation strategies that helped us to keep schools open in 2020/2021," said Mike Tanner, Chief Operations Officer. "In the event your child experiences a fever, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, loss of taste or smell, it is important to keep your child at home for the duration of their illness and adhere to the UDOH/SCHD guidelines for safe return to school."

If your child is exhibiting any of the symptoms, including those listed on the CDC's website for the COVID-19 variants, it is important to remain at home until symptoms resolve and/or to seek guidance from your medical provider.

School buses are another area where facemasks may be worn during the daily travel to and from school. Schools will be encouraging mask use for those who are and are not vaccinated in order to prevent the spread of illness, in accordance with CDC guidance, but will be focused on "teaching and learning and building relationships with students and families," officials said.

Covid mitigations will continue within the schools including a more aggressive fresh air circulation schedule, additional sanitizing of frequently touched surfaces, handwashing breaks, and voluntary COVID-19 screening testing will be in place to identify cases and outbreaks. In addition, classrooms will return to routine class sizes, which are enviable, and full days of instruction. Half-Day Fridays will be in place across all schools in Park City School District for the 21/22 School Year. Mondays will be full days of instruction across all grade levels.

Remote learning will only be offered when students may be in quarantine due to COVID exposure. We anticipate additional information related to mitigation protocol as we approach the start of school.

Students will return to school on Thursday, August 19, 2021 with a regular school day. Friday, August 20, 2021 will be the Friday half-day schedule.

Thank you for your partnership and support as we work together to navigate this return to a “new normal” by prioritizing the health, safety, and well-being of our students, our staff, our families and our community.

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