Volunteer Information: COVID-19

Thank you for your willingness to support our schools and their programs. We are excited to welcome volunteers back into our schools.

Before volunteering, the District must verify that you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19. To facilitate this process, please complete the following form. If you are unable to upload your evidence of vaccination (e.g. your card), please bring in your evidence of vaccination to the District’s Human Resources department or the school nurse/front office so the information you submitted in the form can be verified.

In addition to verifying volunteer vaccination status, the District providing the below educational information to so that you can help us mitigate against COVID-19 infection and exposure. Covered topics include:

- Physical Distancing
- Face Coverings
- Hand Hygiene

Please be reminded that you should not volunteer if you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms or if you are living with a person who is COVID-19+. For more information on the District’s COVID-19 mitigation measures, please review the District’s COVID-19 Response Plan (CRP).

**Physical Distancing**

COVID-19 is primarily spread from person to person. A person can become infected by coming in close contact with another person who is infected by COVID-19. Close contact is defined as being less than 6 feet from another person for a combined total of 15 minutes or more, over 24 hours.

Accordingly, Volunteers should, to the extent possible, remain six (6) or more feet away from students, staff and other volunteers. This degree of physical distancing will help limit the number of staff, students, and volunteers considered a close contact should a member of our community develop COVID-19.

**How to Wear a Mask**

Wearing cloth face coverings that cover the mouth, nose, and chin may help prevent the spread of COVID-19 and are required for staff, students and visitors in all shared indoor public spaces. There are specific exceptions based on age, development, or disability. See DOH Guidance on Face Coverings.
It is important to everyone’s health and safety that masks are worn properly. Before putting on a mask, individuals should wash their hands or, if that is not an option, use hand sanitizer.

HOW TO WEAR A CLOTH FACE COVERING

For a more interactive explanation of why and how to wear a cloth face covering, please click here or watch the following MISD Video on how to wear a face mask.

HOW TO REMOVE A MASK

Volunteers must wear appropriate face coverings (typically a mask) when indoors. Staff, students and volunteers may remove masks indoors when eating and/or drinking. When eating and drinking, students, staff and volunteers must maximize physical distancing.

It is important to be careful when removing a face mask, especially if the mask will be re-worn before being washed (e.g. during a mask break). The key steps to removing a mask are to:

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Be careful not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth when removing and wash hands immediately after removing
Cloth masks should not be worn multiple days in a row. Used cloth masks should be cleaned by hand or in a washing machine (learn more about how to wash masks).

**HAND HYGIENE**

Proper hand hygiene, including frequent hand-washing, is a key element to reducing the spread of illness. This includes washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and the frequent use of hand sanitizer. Visual instructions for proper hand washing will be displayed beside every sink.

Hand sanitizer will be available in all schools for students and staff at main entrances, in offices, in every classroom, and at other locations as necessary. Individual hand sanitizer pump bottles are provided to individual classrooms and offices. *Sanitizer products contain 70% ethanol alcohol.*

There will be numerous prompts to wash hands or use hand sanitizer throughout the day, such as when first entering the building, entering the classroom, and immediately before and after recess.

*MISD Wash Your Hands – Video (ENGLISH).*

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