

NPMH 102
**2023-
2024
SCHOOL
YEAR**



Marquette Elementary School
Georgetowne Middle School

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N PEKIN MARQUETTE HEIGHTS

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SAFETY PLAN

District 102 will continue to monitor COVID-19 metrics for Tazewell County and our Schools. The health and safety of our students and staff remains our top priority. The District also maintains an expectation that all students and staff be respectful of others' decisions on masking at school.

Fortunately, at this time, COVID numbers are minimal and we are hopeful that school will start with a return to normal operations as outlined:

SCHOOL EXCLUSION

Students and staff should stay home if ill. Individuals shall be fever, vomiting and diarrhea-free for 24 hours without medication and other symptoms should be improving before returning to school. Absences lasting more than 3 consecutive days may require a note from a medical professional or proof of positive COVID result to be considered excused.

The District will no longer contact trace or exclude asymptomatic close contacts of COVID-19.

TESTING

On-site rapid testing is no longer available.

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Acknowledging the importance of mental health and social emotional learning, North Pekin Marquette Heights District 102 will provide full in-person learning. There is no option for remote learning. Students who are excused from school will be given a reasonable timeframe to make up missed homework and classwork assignments. Teachers may make some work available online during periods of absence as appropriate. Requests for accommodations for those with medical conditions that necessitate isolation will be evaluated per Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

MASKS

Masks are highly recommended, but now optional in our school buildings and on school buses regardless of vaccination status.

For extra-curricular activities, all athletes, coaches and visitors will need to adhere to the guidelines of the hosting school.

VISITORS

Unless involving school or individual instructional programs, visitors will be limited.

MITIGATION LEVELS AND STRATEGIES

The following mitigation strategies will be implemented and are subject to adjustment based on the health of the school and community:

- Masks are highly recommended, but optional in buildings and on school buses.
- Facilities and classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized on a routine basis.
- Desks will be sanitized on a routine basis.
- Ventilation systems will be maintained.
- Individuals will stay home or be sent home if ill.
- Visual and verbal reminders of handwashing and respiratory etiquette will be provided.
- Vaccination is recommended for eligible individuals.
- Water fountains are closed. Bottle filling stations are available.
- Consideration will be given for social distancing when necessary.
- The District will cooperate with state and local health officials.

