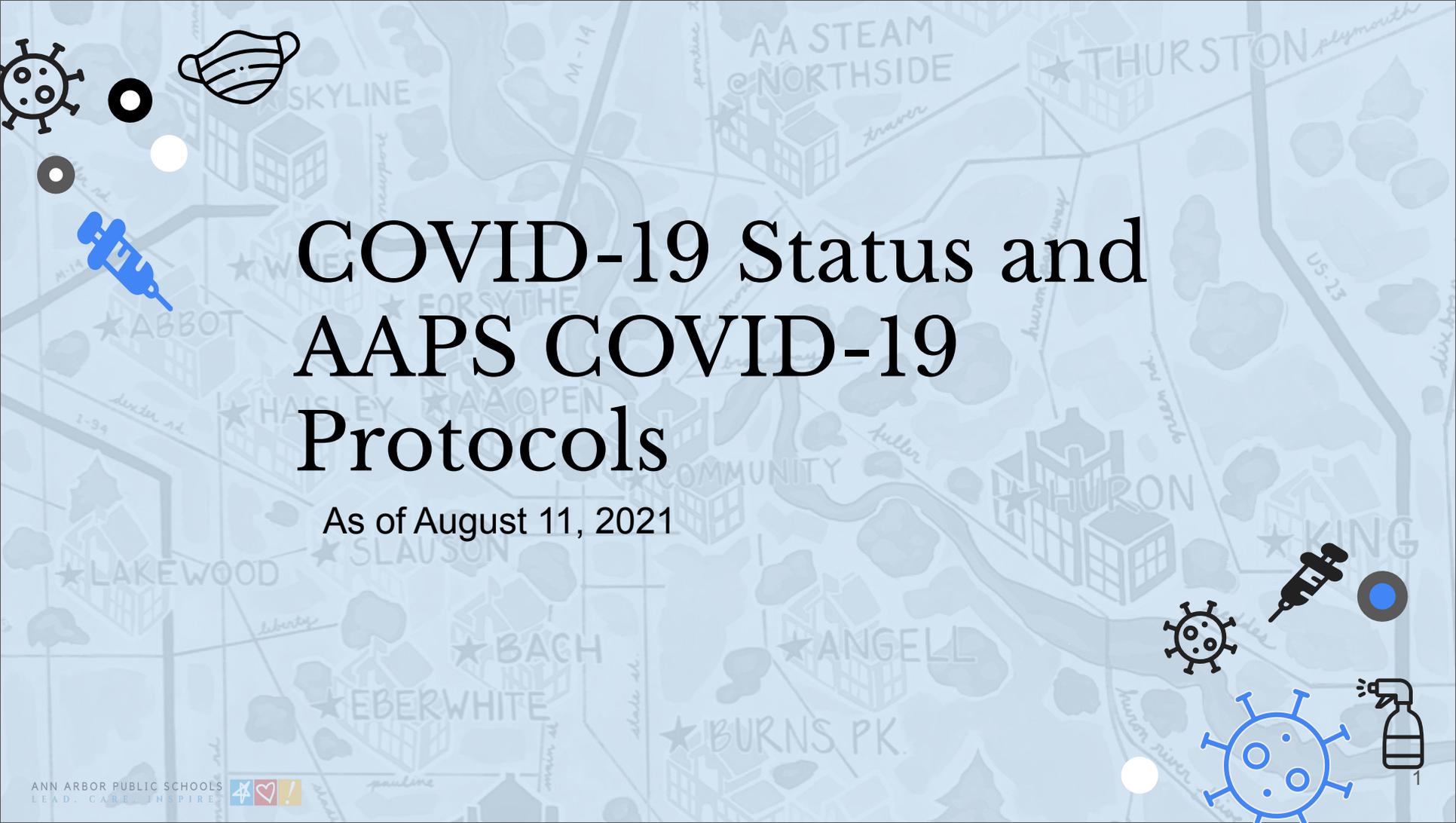


# COVID-19 Status and AAPS COVID-19 Protocols

As of August 11, 2021



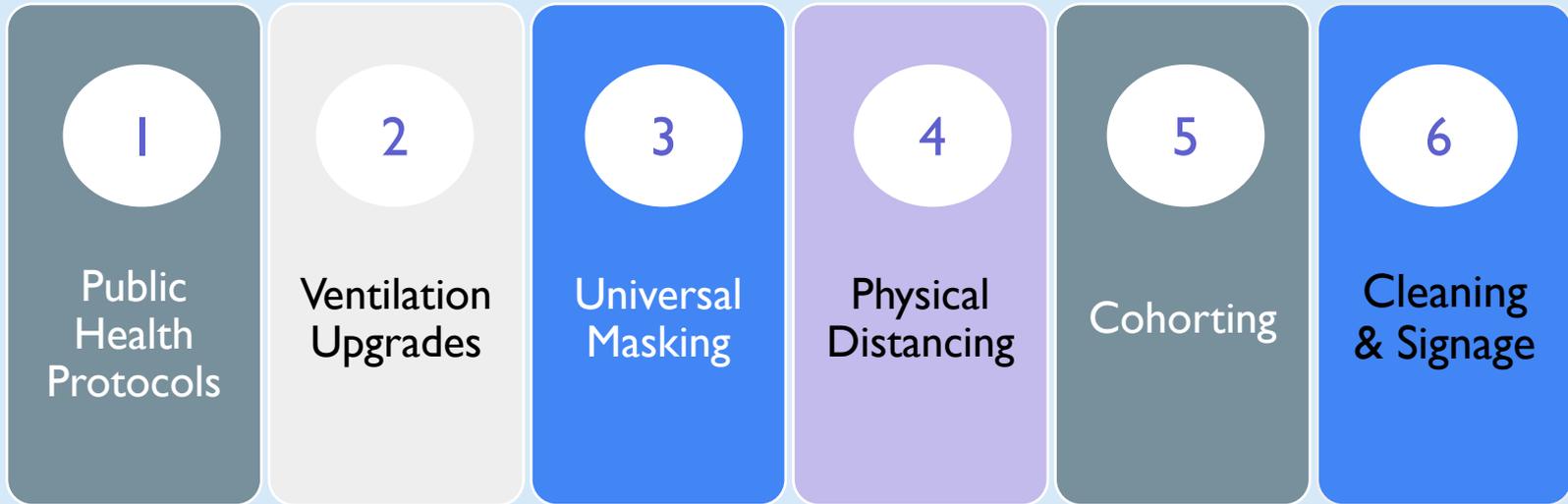
# COVID-19 Status, August 11, 2021

- Public health authorities continue to recommend layered prevention strategies for K-12 schools.
- AAPS is closely following WCHD guidance released on August 9, 2021.
- Washtenaw County is currently in the “Substantial Transmission” CDC category
- We can expect to see new research, new guidance, and waves of cases throughout the year.



# SUPER SIX Mitigation Strategies for 2021-2022

Key evidence-based strategies layered to prevent COVID-19 transmission in AAPS schools for school leadership, staff, students, and families.



Sources: Washtenaw County Health Department K-12 School Recommendations, Aug. 9, 2021; [CDC Guidance for COVID-19 Prevention in K-12 Schools](#), Aug. 5, 2021; [MDHHS Recommendations for Safer School Operations During COVID-19](#), Aug. 2, 2021.

# Three COVID-19 mitigation “layers” stay mostly the same

## Universal Masking

For everyone in school buildings, with rare exceptions. Staff alone in classrooms or offices can be unmasked.

## Ventilation Upgrades

Ongoing maintenance to upgrades

## Cleaning & Signage

Cleaning/disinfection following CDC guidance  
Signs are still up for masking, handwashing, etc.

# Two COVID-19 mitigation layers are impacted by the full reopening of all classrooms

## Physical Distancing

3 feet of distance will not always be possible

Breakfast and lunch service will include grab & go, seating charts at elementary and middle schools, and as much distancing as feasible

## Cohorting

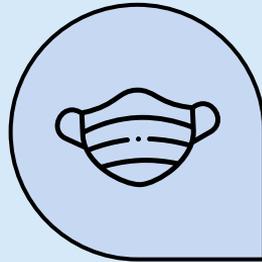
Keeping cohorts of MS and HS students separate from each other all day is not possible.

Elementary students will be cohorted to the extent feasible. Before/after school programs will include small groups.

# All other prevention strategies become even more important

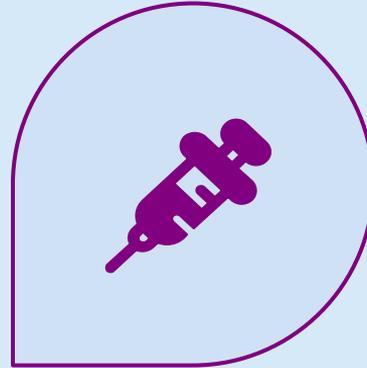
## Universal Masking

While indoors, with exceptions for medical or developmental conditions.



## Vaccination

For those ages 12 years and older.

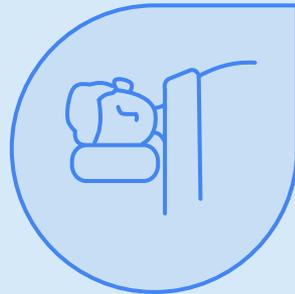


## Improved Ventilation

In classrooms and throughout buildings.

## Cleaning & Disinfection

According to CDC guidelines.



## Public Health Protocols

Including staying home when sick, immediate pick-up of symptomatic student, contact tracing, and testing.

# Parents Are Essential Partners in COVID-19 Prevention

*AAPS urges parents to take these four steps*



## Get vaccinated

Make sure all household members over age 12 are fully vaccinated.

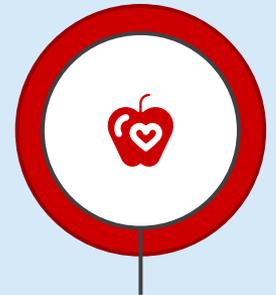


## Keep your symptomatic student at home

Contact your school nurse or medical provider and seek testing.



## When not at school, avoid time indoors with unvaccinated people



## Be sure all of your student's childhood immunizations are up to date