

## 7 Layers of COVID Defense



### **Vaccines**

The vaccine is the best protection against COVID-19. It is a safe and effective way to prevent serious illness. Children can get the vaccine if they are age 12 or older.



### **Masks**

Masks are simple and very effective. They keep the virus from spreading in the air from one person to another indoors. When children and school employees wear a mask, they are protecting themselves and others on campus.



### **Hand hygiene**

Regularly hand washing reduces the amount of germs on your hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19.



### **Stay home when sick**

Those who are sick should stay home from school so they can get better faster. Ask the school if your child needs COVID-19 testing before returning.



### **Testing**

COVID-19 testing can detect the virus even before people start to feel sick. Unvaccinated school employees will be tested weekly to help everyone stay safe and stay in school.



### **Contact tracing /quarantine**

Schools have COVID-19 Coordinators who oversee contract tracing. They work in conjunction with the local health department and will notify parents and educators who had close contact with someone on campus who tested positive for COVID-19. Based on the situation, those who are exposed may have to quarantine off campus.



### **Ventilation**

Good airflow in classrooms and school buildings helps remove air that may contain the virus and replaces it with healthy air.