

The Environmental Health and Safety Committee of the Massachusetts Teachers Association

recommends the following safety measures be established in all
preK-12 schools and higher education buildings in the 2021-2022 school year:



Universal Masking

All students and staff should wear face masks when inside as recommended by the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics. Additionally, physical distancing of 6 feet should be put in place where possible.

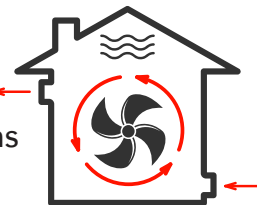


Vaccinations

Everyone age 12 and older should get vaccinated unless there is a medical or religious exemption.

Ventilation

Verify that ventilation systems are achieving 4-6 air changes per hour in all occupied rooms in buildings. If possible, use a minimum of a MERV 13 filter. Ensure ventilation is adequate by having testing completed by an outside company and continue to check ventilation periodically by using carbon dioxide monitors. CO2 levels should not exceed 800 per million in occupied rooms.



COVID Testing

All students and staff should either participate in WEEKLY pool testing or rapid testing. If there is a positive test, anyone who came into contact with that person within a 6-foot distance and for more than 15 cumulative minutes should quarantine REGARDLESS of vaccination status.

Health and Safety Committees

Continue to build Union Health & Safety Committees within schools and campuses.

Check our [website](#) for more resources and information.

