

2021-2022 School Guidance

The Health District will continue to follow guidance issued by CDC, ODH, and local data to make the best recommendations for the District. These recommendations are current as of the date on this document and based on the current conditions of the District and may be modified as conditions change.

Social Distancing

- The Health District recommends social distancing of at least 3 feet, where possible.
- The Health District recommends maintaining accurate records of student seating, and cohorts in classrooms, transportation, and any other group activities.

Vaccination

- The Health District recommends all students and staff who are eligible receive a safe and effective COVID-19 vaccination.
- To promote vaccinations, the Health District recommends schools host COVID-19 clinics for eligible students and staff.

Transportation

- Per federal rule, masks are currently required on public transportation and this rule applies to school buses.
- The Health District recommends maintaining as many open windows as possible on buses and other transportation.

Ventilation and Air Handling

- The Health District recommends providing as much ventilation as possible and following CDC's air handling recommendations.

Facial Covering

- The Health District will use a report card released on Wednesdays to determine masking recommendations. A passing report card will indicate that those who are unvaccinated should wear a facemask. A failing report card will indicate all individuals should wear a facemask indoors and in crowded environments.
- Facemasks may be required if an outbreak is identified in a classroom or building to prevent further spread. This decision will be based on the factors of the specific classroom or building and take into consideration local data.

Communication

- The Health District will share communication channels with schools to facilitate easy communication. Through these channels schools will report cases and contacts. The Health District will communicate exclusion information but will not share any vaccine status.
- The Health District will schedule weekly meetings on Thursdays to communicate any changes to recommendations/requirements, answer any questions, and plan for implementation of any changes on the following Monday.

Disease Management

- The Health District recommends staff and students stay home if they have:
 - One or more of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or loss of taste or smell.
 - Two or more of the following: fever, chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, or runny nose.
- The Health District will continue case management and contact tracing.
- The Health District will provide isolation/quarantine guidance based on CDC recommendations and local data.
- School staff will notify the Health District of cases and contacts. The document *Considerations to Determine Contacts* should be used when identifying contacts.
- The Health District will provide specific guidance on Covid-19 based on local data at the classroom, building, district, then community level. This guidance may not be per classroom but at building level when students are changing classrooms on a regular basis.