

Health and Safety Update

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Informing the Safety Plan

- **Community COVID Rates: 2 daily cases per 100,000**
- **Positivity Rate: 2.8%**
- **In-School Transmissions: 129**
- **Vaccination Rates:**
 - Staff: >70%**
 - Students: 11% over age 12 (CPS clinics only)**
 - 29% in Hamilton County age 12-14**
 - 37% in Hamilton County age 15-19**
- **COVID Safety Workshop for Stakeholders: Held June 30, 2021**
- **CDC Guidelines for Schools: Released July 9, 2021**
- **Ohio HB244: Signed July 14, 2021**
- **American Academy of Pediatrics Guidance: Released July 19, 2021**



Recommended Changes to Safety Plan

1. Temperature checks at building entrances eliminated
2. Staggered bus arrival and departure eliminated
3. Field Trips permitted
4. Visitors and volunteers permitted and must follow all safety protocols
5. Work-related travel permitted
6. Shared materials permitted
7. Distancing during meals when masks are removed is required to be 3' minimum
8. Close contacts will continue to quarantine, if unvaccinated and symptom-free
9. **Masks still required for everyone indoors (until a higher student vaccination rate is reached). Not required outdoors (pending policy update)**

All other precautions stay the same (hand hygiene, disinfecting, ventilation, isolation room, etc.)



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Mask Considerations

- **Centers for Disease Control**
 - Mask use is recommended for people who are not fully vaccinated including students, teachers, and staff.
 - School administrators may opt to make mask use universally required (ie required regardless of vaccination status) in the school for following reasons:
 - Having a student population that is not yet eligible for vaccination (schools grades Prek-6)
 - Lacking a system to monitor the vaccine status of students and/or teachers and staff
 - Difficulty monitoring or enforcing mask policies that are not universal
 - Awareness of low vaccination uptake within the student, family, or teachers/staff population or within the community.
- **American Academy of Pediatrics**
 - All students over the age of 2 and all school staff should wear masks at school unless they have a medical or developmental condition that prohibits this.
 - Reasons for this recommendation include but are not limited to: a significant proportion of the student population is not yet eligible for vaccination; masking protects those who are not vaccinated against Covid-19 and reduces transmission; and potential difficulty in monitoring or enforcing mask policies for those who are not vaccinated.



Mask Considerations

- **Ohio HB 244**
 - Signed into law on July 14, 2021.
 - A school district may not require a student or employee to be vaccinated in order to attend school or work, nor may a district require unvaccinated individuals to take precautionary measures that vaccinated individuals are not required to take.
- If masks required for everyone, will require significant communication to families, students, and staff to understand the reasons



Recommended Changes

Board meetings

- Board members must be physically present to count in quorum or vote (Ohio law).
- Open to the public in-person and virtual. Capacity will be determined by the space.
- Hearing of the Public offered in-person and virtual.

Board committee meetings

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- Open to the public in-person and virtual. Capacity will be determined by the space.



Next Steps

- Publish updated District Safety Plan
- Communication of changes – Staff, Families
- Continue to hold student vaccine clinics and encourage vaccines
- Additional updates as data changes:
 - Vaccination rates
 - Community COVID rates
 - In-school transmissions





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