



October 26, 2021

To Parents and Students,

As you may or may not be aware, yesterday, the Ohio Department of Health issued new COVID Guidance documents state wide in efforts of reducing the number of day's students or staff are out of school due to (contact trace exposure) exclusion related to COVID.

These new ODH guidelines could greatly benefit our students and allow them to stay in school under certain conditions. In efforts of benefiting these students by reducing their absences, we will implement the "Mask to Stay" policy immediately today.

Under this new ODH policy, students who have been exposed to a person known to be positive for COVID-19 may remain in school under four stipulations. These direct contacts, regardless of vaccination or masking status, may remain in the classroom only if they do the following:

- 1. Wear a mask for 14 days from their last date of exposure.***
- 2. Self-Monitor (or parent monitor) for symptoms of Covid-19.***
- 3. Isolate or get tested if they start to experience symptoms associated with Covid-19.***
- 4. If students or staff who have been in direct contact but remain symptom free and yield a negative test between days 5-7; they can remain in school and after seven (7) days of masking, can discontinue these procedures.***

If students or staff are unable or unwilling to follow these four stipulations, they will remain subject to the full exclusion procedures and will fall under county quarantine guidelines.

We have attached the Guidance Document change from the Ohio Department of Health for your review.

If you have questions, call the school at (937) 372-6941.

Best Regards,

David Deskins, Superintendent