

October 26, 2021

Good afternoon,

I hope everyone is doing well! I want to share with you the updated “Mask to Stay, Test to Play” quarantine guidelines that were approved and released yesterday by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), which we will be following, effective immediately. This will remove our school-wide mask requirement effective tomorrow, October 27th, 2021.

Masks are still REQUIRED on school buses per federal CDC guidelines.

Here are the ODH guidelines that we will be following moving forward. It is of utmost importance that you continue to monitor your child daily for COVID-19 symptoms prior to sending them to school. If your child is deemed a direct contact within a school setting, you will still receive communication from the school with further instructions.

[ODH New Guidelines for Quarantine](#)

To review some highlights of these revised guidelines:

- This applies only to COVID-19 exposure in the school setting. This does not include any home, family, church, place of employment and/or outside of school contact. Exposures outside of school still require that you report your exposure to the school AND you quarantine per CCPH guidelines, which requires students/staff to remain home.
- These are modified quarantine guidelines for the school setting only. Per Clermont County Public Health, quarantine guidelines will still be in effect for other settings if deemed a direct contact.
- More information will be forthcoming regarding the COVID-19 testing portions of this document.
- Regarding the “Test to Play” option, more information will be provided to clarify guidelines for vaccinated and masked individuals. More guidance will be forthcoming related to “Test to Play” in the coming days.

I want to thank everyone for your patience and resilience over the past several weeks regarding our mask requirement. It kept our kids IN SCHOOL and that was our prerogative.

It remains the RECOMMENDATION of the Williamsburg Local School District to wear a mask within the school setting, as that will continue to reduce student to student spread, as well as limit who gets identified as a direct contact.

Have a terrific week!

Sincerely,

Matt Earley
Superintendent
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