



GEAUGA PUBLIC HEALTH

Promoting and Protecting Community Health

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COVID-19 Recommendations for Schools

Geauga Public Health (GPH) aims to support in-person learning, maintain a safe and vibrant school environment, and revert back to a pre-pandemic education and community experience. These guidelines are applicable regardless of student vaccination status or acquired immunity. GPH will continue to monitor relevant factors to see if changes are needed in this policy.

Masking

GPH does not recommend compulsory masking in schools. GPH respects the decision-making autonomy of families and affirms each family's right to make its own decisions regarding student masking.

Quarantine

If someone is exposed to COVID-19 in any setting (*e.g.*, school, household, or community), then they can continue to remain in the classroom if they are symptom* free.

Isolation

If someone tests positive for COVID-19, then they should stay home for 5 days from when their symptoms started or 5 days from their test date if they had no symptoms. They can return to school after 5 days provided they have been fever free for the past 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and their symptoms are improving.

Extracurricular Activities

Masking is not recommended when participating in extracurricular activities. School districts can work with the health district to arrange testing supplies as they are needed.

* - Consideration should be given for seasonal allergies, etc.

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