



LOWELLVILLE LOCAL SCHOOLS

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On August 11, 2022, the CDC updated its guidance on how people can protect themselves and others from COVID-19, what actions to take if exposed to COVID-19, and what actions to take if you have symptoms or test positive with the virus.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/k-12-childcare-guidance.html>

As a result, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Mahoning Public Health Department are updating its guidance for Ohio K-12 schools and recommending the CDC's general guidance to best protect Ohio's students in the school setting.

- First, because contact tracing and case investigation has shifted to focus on high-risk environments, such as long-term care facilities and healthcare settings, ODH is no longer recommending the Mask to Stay/Test to Play quarantine alternative for schools.
- Quarantine is no longer recommended for people exposed to COVID-19 in school settings.
- Instead, ODH recommends schools follow general isolation procedures for confirmed cases. If students or staff feel sick or suspect they might have COVID-19, they should stay home and be tested. If positive, students and staff should stay home from school for at least 5 days and longer if necessary until fever-free for 24 hours (without the use of fever-reducing medication) and symptoms are improving. Additionally, after isolation ends, students and staff should continue to take precautions as they resume normal activities by wearing a mask for 5 days (or after two negative tests 48 hours apart).
- Please contact the school nurse, Mrs. Betsy Wilson if your son/daughter tests positive for COVID-19 within 24 hours.
 - **Mrs. Betsy Wilson - 330-536-8426 ext. 111**
- The district will continue to monitor the level of illness and positive COVID-19 cases reported. If an increase in cases is detected, interventions may be implemented.

MISSION

The Lowellville Local School District will educate, empower and challenge our students to reach their individual potentials by providing an environment where tradition, community and excellence create productive members of a global society.