

Worthington Schools COVID Update



COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

9/29/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-09-15 to 2021-09-29.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	262	306	(264, 349)
Canal Winchester Local School District	580	625	(580, 671)
Columbus City School District	497	526	(509, 543)
Dublin City School District	381	414	(389, 439)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	389	422	(391, 453)
Grandview Heights City School District	231	230	(164, 296)
Groveport Madison Local School District	594	631	(601, 662)
Hamilton Local School District	699	753	(703, 803)
Hilliard City School District	435	464	(438, 489)
Licking Heights Local School District	722	762	(713, 811)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	348	371	(336, 405)
Reynoldsburg City School District	518	554	(515, 592)
South-Western City School District	670	722	(697, 746)
Upper Arlington City School District	244	289	(258, 320)
Westerville City School District	363	395	(373, 417)
Whitehall City School District	652	685	(643, 726)
Worthington City School District	363	385	(362, 408)

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

10/6/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-09-22 to 2021-10-06.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	254	268	(226, 310)
Canal Winchester Local School District	450	480	(436, 524)
Columbus City School District	420	445	(429, 461)
Dublin City School District	346	369	(344, 394)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	379	409	(379, 440)
Grandview Heights City School District	170	156	(88, 225)
Groveport Madison Local School District	453	484	(456, 513)
Hamilton Local School District	612	652	(603, 702)
Hilliard City School District	388	410	(385, 435)
Licking Heights Local School District	589	615	(568, 662)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	344	381	(344, 418)
Reynoldsburg City School District	456	484	(445, 522)
South-Western City School District	557	607	(583, 631)
Upper Arlington City School District	266	266	(236, 297)
Westerville City School District	336	358	(338, 379)
Whitehall City School District	477	509	(471, 548)
Worthington City School District	312	342	(318, 366)

Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

	New Cases This Week: 10/04/21 - 10/10/21			Cumulative Total	Quarantine Reports Updated Daily	
Building ^	Staff Positive	Student Positive	Total Positives	Total Positives Since 8/16/21	Daily Staff Quarantine	Daily Student Quarantine
Bluffsview Elementary	1	1	2	21	1	10
Brookside Elementary	0	0	0	5	0	6
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	0	0	42	0	6
Evening Street Elementary	0	1	1	7	0	5
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	6	0	5
Kilbourne Middle School	0	1	1	11	0	8
Liberty Elementary	0	4	4	11	0	6
Linworth Experiential	0	0	*	0	0	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	3	3	18	0	6
Other District Buildings	2	0	2	6	1	0
Perry Middle School	0	3	3	24	0	9
Phoenix Middle School	0	0	0	2	0	4
Slate Hill Elementary	0	1	1	11	0	4
Sutter Park Elementary	0	0	0	7	0	3
Thomas Worthington High School	1	5	6	27	1	15
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	0	0	9	0	3
Worthington Academy	0	0	*	0	0	0
Worthington Estates Elementary	0	0	0	6	0	6
Worthington Hills Elementary	0	1	1	8	0	5
Worthington Kilbourne High Sch...	1	3	4	23	2	7
Worthington Park Elementary	0	0	0	8	1	5
Worthingway Middle School	0	1	1	5	0	2
Grand total	5	24	29	257	6	115

Ohio Department of Health

COVID-19 Health Prevention Guidance

As students head back to school, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recommends following the same layered prevention strategies that were remarkably effective at controlling COVID-19 last school year:

- Strongly recommend vaccinations for staff and eligible students. Vaccines are our best tool to protect students and prevent the spread of the virus.
- Wearing masks. Masks have been proven to be extremely effective in slowing the spread of the virus. Ohio researchers conducted an evaluation last year that showed that masking helped control the spread of the virus in Ohio schools. ODH strongly recommends that those who are unvaccinated wear masks while in school.
- Additional measures including improving ventilation, maximizing distance between people, and practicing good hygiene, among others.

Consistent implementation of these core prevention measures helped limit the spread of COVID-19 in the classroom during the 2020-21 academic year. Continuing to follow these recommendations will protect students as much as possible

Masking Protocol

Universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors inside K-12 school properties, regardless of vaccination status. This means that everyone should be wearing a mask inside any of our school properties before, during, and after school. Similar to last year, athletes will not be asked to compete in a mask for indoor sports.

School Buses

School buses will continue to require masks.

We will have set open windows on school buses to improve airflow on the bus as soon heat will need to be turned on.

[Under current federal orders and accompanying guidance](#), students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses, whether vaccinated or not, until **January 18, 2022**.

District Protocols

- **Physical distancing:** Physical distancing will be recommended whenever possible.
- **Handwashing:** Handwashing will be emphasized throughout the school day. Hand sanitizers will be placed throughout the buildings and students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands when entering and again when leaving a classroom. Cough and sneeze etiquette will be taught, monitored, and reinforced.
- **Contact tracing:** Contact tracing will occur based upon CPH guidance for all highly infectious diseases. District nurses have all been trained in this process.
- **Diagnostic and screening testing:** Worthington City Schools will continue to have testing and screening supplies at nursing clinics. The district will strategically utilize test kits for COVID concerns in order to keep students safely in school as much as possible.

District Protocols (cont.)

- **Vaccinations:** The district will continue to encourage faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated. The district is willing to serve as a host site as vaccinations are available.
- **Accommodations for children with disabilities:** The district will build a health plan to meet the unique health needs of students who need them. This could include home instruction or further mitigation efforts in the school setting.
- **Masks:** Universal indoor masking for all students, staff, teachers, and visitors inside K-12 school properties, regardless of vaccination status. This means that everyone should be wearing a mask inside any of our school properties before, during, and after school. Similar to last year, athletes will not be asked to compete in a mask for indoor sports. Preschool masks are strongly recommended. Under federal order, masks must be worn on school buses.

QUESTIONS