

# Worthington Schools COVID Update



# COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

10/13/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-09-29 to 2021-10-13.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	269	299	(259, 339)
Canal Winchester Local School District	283	319	(274, 364)
Columbus City School District	372	391	(375, 408)
Dublin City School District	335	364	(339, 389)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	313	340	(308, 371)
Grandview Heights City School District	219	220	(150, 289)
Groveport Madison Local School District	361	399	(370, 427)
Hamilton Local School District	538	571	(522, 621)
Hilliard City School District	370	395	(370, 419)
Licking Heights Local School District	441	468	(420, 515)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	255	289	(253, 325)
Reynoldsburg City School District	428	462	(425, 500)
South-Western City School District	468	491	(468, 515)
Upper Arlington City School District	196	221	(190, 252)
Westerville City School District	307	317	(295, 339)
Whitehall City School District	461	514	(473, 555)
Worthington City School District	317	339	(315, 363)

# COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

10/20/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-10-06 to 2021-10-20.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	276	288	(247, 329)
Canal Winchester Local School District	235	264	(220, 307)
Columbus City School District	299	312	(296, 328)
Dublin City School District	282	299	(275, 324)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	231	234	(203, 266)
Grandview Heights City School District	231	253	(184, 322)
Groveport Madison Local School District	324	348	(321, 376)
Hamilton Local School District	377	399	(350, 448)
Hilliard City School District	280	295	(271, 320)
Licking Heights Local School District	414	439	(391, 487)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	178	210	(174, 246)
Reynoldsburg City School District	368	403	(366, 441)
South-Western City School District	390	398	(374, 421)
Upper Arlington City School District	179	180	(149, 210)
Westerville City School District	280	300	(278, 323)
Whitehall City School District	355	384	(342, 426)
Worthington City School District	225	242	(218, 266)

# Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

	New Cases This Week: 10/18/21 - 10/24/21			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	0	2	2	24	0	3
Brookside Elementary	0	1	1	6	0	6
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	0	0	44	0	2
Evening Street Elementary	0	1	1	10	1	3
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	9	0	0
Kilbourne Middle School	0	1	1	17	0	5
Liberty Elementary	0	0	0	11	0	1
Linworth Experiential	0	0	*	0	0	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	0	0	18	0	3
Other District Buildings	0	0	0	8	2	0
Perry Middle School	0	0	0	25	0	0
Phoenix Middle School	0	0	0	2	0	0
Slate Hill Elementary	0	0	0	11	0	3
Sutter Park Elementary	0	0	0	8	0	4
Thomas Worthington High School	0	8	8	41	0	15
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	1	1	16	1	4
Worthington Academy	0	0	*	0	0	0
Worthington Estates Elementary	0	1	1	8	0	4
Worthington Hills Elementary	1	0	1	11	1	3
Worthington Kilbourne High Sch...	0	2	2	29	0	5
Worthington Park Elementary	0	0	0	8	0	0
Worthingway Middle School	0	3	3	8	0	3
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>64</b>

# 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.

# New Ohio COVID-19 Quarantine Guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health

Unmasked and unvaccinated K-12 students and staff members can remain in class after in-school exposure to the virus if they wear a mask for 14 days under new state guidance.

Students exposed to the virus can participate in sports or other extracurricular activities if they wear a mask in most situations and test negative on two proctored coronavirus tests, according to guidance released on Monday, October 25, 2021.

The new post-exposure guidance for unmasked and unvaccinated students and staff differs in a few ways:

- They can remain at school if they wear a mask for 14 days or only seven days with a negative proctored test, antigen or PCR, taken between five and seven days after exposure.
- Students can participate in extracurricular activities if they wear a mask, with exceptions for activities where distancing and masking are difficult, and test negative on two proctored tests: the first on the day of exposure and a second taken between five and seven days after exposure.

# 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