

Worthington Schools COVID Update



COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

11/10/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-10-27 to 2021-11-10.

District	Two Week Rate per 100,000		
	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	167	176	(135, 218)
Canal Winchester Local School District	206	227	(183, 272)
Columbus City School District	235	254	(238, 270)
Dublin City School District	266	297	(272, 322)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	322	357	(325, 389)
Grandview Heights City School District	195	218	(148, 289)
Groveport Madison Local School District	305	331	(303, 360)
Hamilton Local School District	235	270	(221, 319)
Hilliard City School District	320	341	(316, 365)
Licking Heights Local School District	554	619	(571, 668)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	302	325	(289, 362)
Reynoldsburg City School District	273	289	(251, 327)
South-Western City School District	288	305	(281, 328)
Upper Arlington City School District	252	278	(247, 308)
Westerville City School District	214	232	(210, 254)
Whitehall City School District	328	345	(302, 388)
Worthington City School District	228	249	(225, 272)

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

11/17/21

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-11-03 to 2021-11-17.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	124	125	(84, 167)
Canal Winchester Local School District	187	219	(175, 263)
Columbus City School District	282	294	(278, 310)
Dublin City School District	358	389	(365, 413)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	383	408	(377, 438)
Grandview Heights City School District	255	261	(189, 333)
Groveport Madison Local School District	364	391	(363, 420)
Hamilton Local School District	323	369	(317, 420)
Hilliard City School District	363	384	(359, 410)
Licking Heights Local School District	531	594	(546, 643)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	285	301	(265, 337)
Reynoldsburg City School District	351	377	(339, 415)
South-Western City School District	358	368	(345, 392)
Upper Arlington City School District	342	355	(323, 386)
Westerville City School District	254	265	(244, 287)
Whitehall City School District	334	346	(305, 388)
Worthington City School District	279	306	(281, 330)

Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

	New Cases This Week: 11/15/21 - 11/21/21			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
Bluffsvie Elementary	0	1	1	34	0	8
Brookside Elementary	0	0	0	7	0	0
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	0	0	45	0	0
Evening Street Elementary	0	0	0	20	0	3
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	11	0	4
Kilbourne Middle School	0	1	1	20	0	4
Liberty Elementary	0	2	2	14	0	17
Linworth Experiential	0	0	*	0	0	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	2	2	24	0	7
Other District Buildings	0	0	0	9	0	0
Perry Middle School	0	0	0	26	0	1
Phoenix Middle School	0	0	0	2	0	1
Slate Hill Elementary	0	0	0	16	0	6
Sutter Park Elementary	1	1	2	12	0	3
Thomas Worthington High School	0	5	6	57	1	10
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	0	0	19	0	4
Worthington Academy	0	1	*	0	0	0
Worthington Estates Elementary	0	1	1	20	0	0
Worthington Hills Elementary	0	5	5	34	0	20
Worthington Kilbourne High Sch...	0	1	1	53	1	3
Worthington Park Elementary	0	0	0	13	0	9
Worthingway Middle School	0	0	0	9	0	0
Grand total	1	20	21	445	2	100

Recent call with CPH Dr. Roberts on 11/17/21

Dr. Roberts will recommend lifting indoor masking when we reach the CDC yellow category for 4 straight weeks. Yellow would be:

- Cases under 50 per 100,000
- Positivity rate under 8%

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.

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

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