

Worthington Schools COVID Update



LEARNING MODE DECISION MAKING GUIDE

	Goal Learning Mode		
Primary Factors and Thresholds for Reaching Goal Learning Mode	GREEN ZONE Lower Risk of Transmission Full In-Person	YELLOW ZONE Moderate Risk of Transmission Hybrid	RED ZONE Higher Risk of Transmission Full Remote
Cases/100,000 people in the last two weeks (Worthington City School District Attendance Zone) via COVID-19 Analytics and Targeted Surveillance	<50	50-250	>250
5 Mitigation Strategies <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consistent and correct use of masks • Social distancing to 6 feet • Hand hygiene • Cleaning and disinfection • Contact tracing 	4 met	5 met	N/A

Secondary factors to be taken into consideration

- Student and Staff Absenteeism
- Effects of asymptomatic quarantine students/staff on district operations
- Percentage of PCR tests that are positive during the last 14 days
- State of Ohio County Warning levels (Yellow, Orange, Red and Purple) for Franklin and Delaware
- School clinic visits/1000 for COVID/Influenza-like symptoms (relative to historical trends)
- District level Student Achievement Data (high school, middle schools, elementary school)
- Central OH data on rates of infection and positive testing for specific age groups
- Other specific building data may indicate the need for step down at a particular building (example, an outbreak in a specific building)
- Teacher, staff, administration, parent data/feedback
- Expert opinions of county or state level public health officials

The purpose of secondary factor analysis will be to assist and further guide decision making at each two-week interval.

New CDC Guidelines

Recommended Implementation of Mitigation Strategies and K-12 School Learning Modes by Level of Community Transmission

Low Transmission ¹ Blue	Moderate Transmission Yellow	Substantial Transmission Orange	High Transmission Red
<p>All schools: Universal and correct use of masks is required; implementing other key mitigation strategies: handwashing and respiratory etiquette; cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities; contact tracing and diagnostic testing² in combination with quarantine and isolation.</p>			
<p>K-12 schools open for full in-person instruction Physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible³</p>		<p>Elementary schools in hybrid mode⁴; physical distancing of 6 feet or more required</p>	
		<p>Middle and high schools in hybrid learning mode or reduced attendance Physical distancing of 6 feet or more is required</p>	<p>Middle and high schools in virtual only instruction unless they can strictly implement all mitigation strategies, and have few cases; schools that are already open for in-person instruction can remain open, but only if they strictly implement mitigation strategies and have few cases⁵</p>
<p>Sports and extracurricular activities with masks required; physical distancing of 6 feet or more to the greatest extent possible⁶</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities occur only if they can be held outdoors, with masks and physical distancing of 6 feet or more required</p>	<p>Sports and extracurricular activities virtual only</p>

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

2/11/21

(CATS)

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-01-28 to 2021-02-11.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	276	291	(247, 335)
Canal Winchester Local School District	489	511	(463, 558)
Columbus City School District	256	269	(251, 288)
Dublin City School District	293	298	(269, 327)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	379	410	(376, 444)
Grandview Heights City School District	486	493	(412, 574)
Groveport Madison Local School District	328	355	(325, 385)
Hamilton Local School District	370	397	(348, 445)
Hilliard City School District	283	299	(270, 328)
Licking Heights Local School District	390	408	(357, 459)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	387	411	(372, 450)
Pickerington Local School District	364	373	(338, 409)
Reynoldsburg City School District	330	344	(303, 384)
South-Western City School District	316	317	(292, 343)
Upper Arlington City School District	300	298	(266, 330)
Westerville City School District	289	297	(272, 322)
Whitehall City School District	313	331	(289, 373)
Worthington City School District	199	220	(195, 245)

COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

2/18/21

(CATS)

Date range for rates in this table is from 2021-02-04 to 2021-02-18.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	240	235	(190, 279)
Canal Winchester Local School District	340	354	(306, 401)
Columbus City School District	222	237	(219, 255)
Dublin City School District	213	240	(212, 269)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	326	350	(316, 384)
Grandview Heights City School District	414	438	(358, 518)
Groveport Madison Local School District	241	258	(228, 289)
Hamilton Local School District	242	277	(228, 326)
Hilliard City School District	274	292	(263, 322)
Licking Heights Local School District	367	367	(317, 418)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	314	340	(302, 378)
Pickerington Local School District	319	345	(311, 380)
Reynoldsburg City School District	283	305	(265, 345)
South-Western City School District	297	331	(305, 356)
Upper Arlington City School District	236	250	(217, 283)
Westerville City School District	259	289	(264, 314)
Whitehall City School District	159	196	(154, 238)
Worthington City School District	204	220	(194, 245)

Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

Building	New Cases This Week: 02/15/21 - 02/21/21			Cumulative Total	Quarantine Reports Updated Daily	
	Staff Positive	Student Positive	Total Positives	Total Positives Since 8/17/20	Daily Staff Quarantine	Daily Student Quarantine
Thomas Worthington High Sc...	0	1	1	97	1	4
Worthington Kilbourne High S...	1	4	5	74	1	9
* Linworth Experiential Progra...	0	0	*	0	1	0
* Worthington Academy	0	0	*	2	0	0
Kilbourne Middle School	0	0	0	11	0	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	1	1	30	0	2
Phoenix Middle School	0	0	0	12	0	0
Worthingway Middle School	0	0	0	29	1	1
Bluffsview Elementary	0	1	1	13	0	2
Brookside Elementary	0	0	0	8	0	1
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	0	0	6	0	0
Evening Street Elementary	0	0	0	12	0	0
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	10	0	4
Liberty Elementary	0	1	1	13	0	2
Slate Hill Elementary	0	1	1	11	0	1
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	0	0	20	0	3
Worthington Estates Element...	0	0	0	8	0	0
Worthington Hills Elementary	0	0	0	9	0	4
Worthington Park Elementary	0	0	0	13	0	0
Sutter Park Elementary	0	0	0	8	0	3
Other District Buildings	0	0	0	16	0	0
Grand total	1	9	10	402	4	36

Vaccination Update

- Columbus Public Health is working with Worthington Schools to vaccinate our employees.
- 1,150 Worthington staff members had received their first dose of the vaccine by Saturday, February 13th meaning that they should receive their second vaccine dose by March 6th and be fully protected around March 20th.
- Columbus Public Health has been a GREAT partner!

Rationale for Moving to All-In Instruction

- Over the last few months we have seen that our concerns that schools could be places of high spread because they are congregate settings have not been realized in some communities. (Large suburban districts such as Mason and Lakota in Cincinnati, Big Walnut in the OCC, Private schools such as Watterson, etc...)
- While community spread continues to be high as defined by the CDC, we see a significant decline in our CATS numbers week over week and schools have proven to be safe places with low infection rates. This finding supports the benefits of using multiple mitigation strategies including masks, social distancing, enhanced cleaning and sanitation practices, and hand washing as a means of preventing spread in schools.
- The addition of the opportunity to vaccinate staff is another mitigation strategy that provides protection.
- This additional strategy offers the opportunity to move all students back to school with all mitigation strategies still in place with a modification to the social distancing standard.

Guidelines Effective March 22

- All safety protocols will remain in place.
- We will work to maintain a minimum of 3 feet of social distancing in classroom settings and 6 feet during lunch times. ([Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation](#) from January 29, 2021 supports 3 feet of distancing with masks in classrooms and on school buses.)
- Face masks must continue to be worn at all times.
- Practicing regular good hygiene-washing hands, hand sanitizer will continue.
- Quarantine guidelines remain unchanged (even if vaccination has occurred)

Ohio Department of Health Quarantine

- Identify close contacts
- Confirm face coverings and safety protocols were in place
- If a student is found to be within 3 feet of a person who tested positive with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes, the students must quarantine from school and all other activities. If a student is found to be between 3 feet and 6 feet of a person who tested positive with COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes while wearing masks, the student may attend school but must be quarantined for 10 days from after-school activities, including sports. Finally, if a student is found to be more than 6 feet of a person who tested positive with COVID-19, the student does not need to be quarantined.

“I want to go back to school everyday,
but maybe we could still have Fridays
off? I like having my Friday’s off!”
- Michal Scott, Worthington Hills

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATION

Recommend to move to All-In instruction on
Monday, March 22nd (Fridays too!)

- Trent Bowers

QUESTIONS