

# Worthington Schools COVID Update



# COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

2/16/22

Date range for rates in this table is from 2022-02-02 to 2022-02-16.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	400	405	(338, 472)
Canal Winchester Local School District	331	365	(301, 430)
Columbus City School District	234	240	(210, 271)
Dublin City School District	330	343	(292, 394)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	319	334	(279, 389)
Grandview Heights City School District	328	357	(267, 446)
Groveport Madison Local School District	201	204	(151, 256)
Hamilton Local School District	296	282	(216, 349)
Hilliard City School District	362	379	(337, 420)
Licking Heights Local School District	293	283	(200, 366)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	255	261	(211, 311)
Reynoldsburg City School District	255	250	(188, 312)
South-Western City School District	297	296	(257, 335)
Upper Arlington City School District	311	326	(283, 369)
Westerville City School District	249	228	(187, 269)
Whitehall City School District	223	254	(186, 323)
Worthington City School District	276	281	(240, 322)

# COVID-19 Data Surveillance Reports

2/23/22

Date range for rates in this table is from 2022-02-09 to 2022-02-23.

Two Week Rate per 100,000

District	Crude Rate	Model Estimates	
	Crude Rate	Model Estimated Rate	Model Estimated Interval
Bexley City School District	269	272	(206, 337)
Canal Winchester Local School District	158	163	(96, 229)
Columbus City School District	157	154	(123, 184)
Dublin City School District	207	206	(153, 258)
Gahanna-Jefferson City School District	176	170	(115, 225)
Grandview Heights City School District	231	247	(158, 337)
Groveport Madison Local School District	160	164	(112, 216)
Hamilton Local School District	141	145	(78, 211)
Hilliard City School District	229	241	(200, 283)
Licking Heights Local School District	191	199	(116, 281)
New Albany-Plain Local School District	149	154	(104, 205)
Reynoldsburg City School District	160	153	(90, 215)
South-Western City School District	203	219	(180, 258)
Upper Arlington City School District	213	229	(187, 272)
Westerville City School District	172	173	(133, 213)
Whitehall City School District	106	132	(64, 199)
Worthington City School District	155	157	(116, 198)

# Worthington Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

	New Cases This Week: 02/21/22- 02/27/22			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	4	5	124	1	2
Brookside Elementary	0	0	0	61	0	0
Colonial Hills Elementary	0	1	1	99	0	1
Evening Street Elementary	0	0	0	104	0	2
Granby Elementary	0	0	0	81	0	0
Kilbourne Middle School	0	1	1	99	0	0
Liberty Elementary	0	2	2	74	0	2
Linworth Experiential	1	0	*	0	0	0
Mc Cord Middle School	0	0	0	154	0	4
Other District Buildings	0	0	0	31	1	0
Perry Middle School	0	1	1	117	0	1
Phoenix Middle School	0	0	0	26	0	0
Slate Hill Elementary	0	0	0	101	0	1
Sutter Park Elementary	0	0	0	65	0	0
Thomas Worthington High School	0	2	3	322	0	2
Wilson Hill Elementary	0	0	0	83	0	0
Worthington Academy	0	0	*	0	0	0
Worthington Estates Elementary	0	2	2	86	0	2
Worthington Hills Elementary	0	0	0	142	0	0
Worthington Kilbourne High Sch...	0	0	0	314	0	1
Worthington Park Elementary	0	0	0	43	0	0
Worthingway Middle School	1	0	1	84	1	1
<b>Grand total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>2,210</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>19</b>

# New CDC Guidance

The new [CDC Guidance](#) was released on Friday, February 25, 2022. Franklin County is listed as medium risk which does not require masking indoors including in schools under this guidance.

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

# CDC COVID-19 Community Level

Low	Medium	High
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If you are <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>, talk to your healthcare provider about whether you need to wear a mask and take other precautions</li><li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Wear a <u>mask</u> indoors in public</li><li>• Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines</li><li>• <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms</li><li>• Additional precautions may be needed for people <u>at high risk for severe illness</u></li></ul>

People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask.

# Mask Resolution

On February 23, 2022, the Worthington Board of Education held a special meeting to discuss and decide ending the current mask mandate. The Board voted to affirm the Superintendent's recommendation to move away from our current indoor mask mandate to language that states "masks are strongly encouraged" beginning on Monday, February 28th.

The Board felt very strongly about respecting the choices of one another and added language to the resolution that says, "no person shall be subject to discipline, harassment, or other mistreatment for choosing to voluntarily wear a mask or for not wearing a mask where such use is either not required or an exception applies."

There are still times where masking will still be required:

- Students and staff returning to school after a COVID positive or close contact absence will still need to follow the Ohio Public Health's recommended guidance that states that, regardless of symptoms or vaccination status, a person must wear a mask for five days.

# School Buses

Effective February 25, 2022, CDC is exercising its enforcement discretion to not require that people wear masks on buses or vans operated by public or private school systems, including early care and education/child care programs. CDC is making this change to align with updated guidance that no longer recommends universal indoor mask wearing in K-12 schools and early education settings in areas with a low or medium COVID-19 Community Level. School systems at their discretion may choose to require that people wear masks on buses or vans.



# Current 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.
- **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.
- **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:** Schools will have surgical masks and limited supplies of child-size KN95 masks for those who would like to utilize them.

QUESTIONS