



2021 Return to School Plan Granville Exempted Village Schools

Staff, Board of Education and Community Presentation
August 2021 BOE Meeting

All plans included in this presentation
are subject to change based on changes
in conditions, policies or guidance from
various public authorities.

“No COVID plans are written in pen.”

Guiding Principles

- ♠ The past year has taught us that students thrive in an *in-person* academic setting for their intellectual, social & emotional well-being.
- ♠ Layered protections work in all school-related environments. We were able to limit quarantines in the classroom and on the field of play.
- ♠ Local COVID-19 data can inform important decisions related to the instructional environment students experience in schools.
- ♠ These Guiding Principles led us to the following action statements:
 - ♠ We want Granville teachers teaching Granville curriculum to our students.
 - ♠ We have to be flexible and responsive to data regarding COVID-19 changes.
 - ♠ We have to be consistent in the implementation of safety protocols for students and staff.
 - ♠ Our partnership with the Licking County Health Department is, once again, critically important to our response during the school year.



Masks in GEVSD: Strongly Recommended

- ♠ Granville Schools, the [Ohio Dept. of Health \(ODH\)](#), [CDC](#), [AAP](#), and the [Licking County Dept. of Health \(LCHD\)](#) all **STRONGLY RECOMMEND** K - 12 students and staff wear masks in school regardless of vaccination status.
- ♠ We will place the responsibility on parents/guardians to use the resources provided to make an informed decision related to their children wearing masks in school. Parents/guardians will be required to designate their children's mask status with GEVSD. Note: Buses will be different than in-school.
 - ♠ Wearing masks have related benefits related to quarantines and close contacts in schools as outlined by ODH and LCHD.
- ♠ The possibility exists where Granville Schools or other public and government authorities mandate masks to be worn due to COVID-19 data and spread.

Face Mask is Recommended



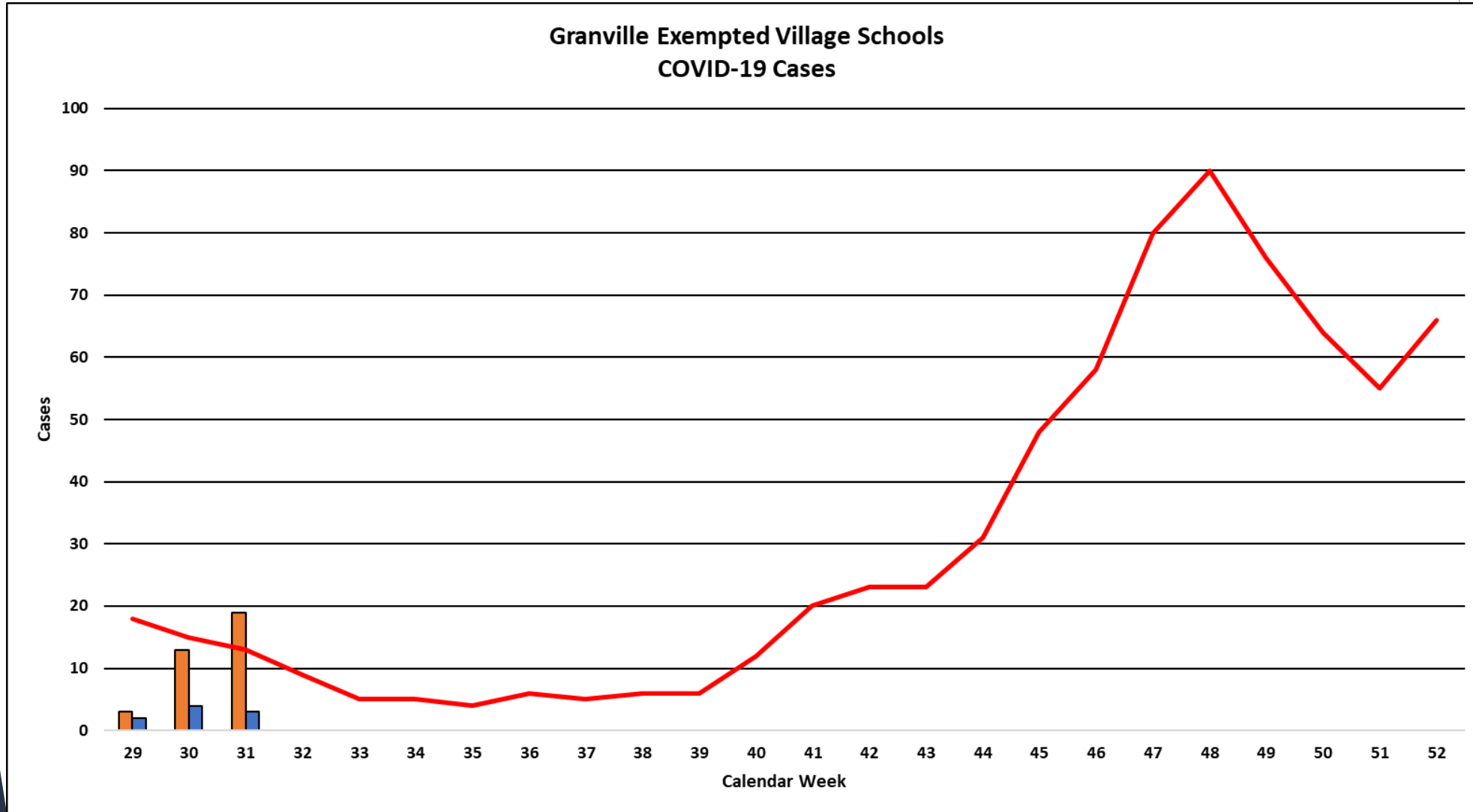
Local Data

- ♠ Currently, 68% of those eligible within the 43023 boundary are vaccinated.
- ♠ Granville Schools will work in conjunction with the Licking County Health Department to review COVID-19 data and to determine the local threat level weekly.
- ♠ I seek Board of Education approval based on this collaboration to go mask-mandatory if necessary in the best-interest of student and staff health.

ZipCode	Vaccinated	Not Vaccinated Estimate	Vaccinated %
43023 - Granville	8,821	4,060	68%
43018 - Etna	103	60	63%
43062 - Pataskala	16,456	10,519	61%
43031 - Johnstown	6,278	4,976	56%
43008 - Buckeye Lake	810	683	54%
43001 - Alexandria	1,234	1,087	53%
43055 - Newark	25,815	25,508	50%
43056 - Heath	7,889	8,605	48%
43025 - Hebron	2,789	3,167	47%
43013 - Croton	487	785	38%
43071 - Saint Louisville	835	1,410	37%
43080 - Utica	1,795	3,175	36%
Total	73,312	64,036	53%

Local Data

- ♣ Currently, there are 22 positive cases within Granville Schools boundary (all zip codes), 3 of which are school-aged children. This data is for the past 7 days.



Layers of Protection

- ♣ Masks—Strongly recommended for all, reduces probability of quarantine
 - ♣ Masks will be REQUIRED for all students on buses
- ♣ Vaccination—available to all people age 12 years and older.
 - ♣ Contact LCHD for more information or to schedule a vaccination.
- ♣ Personal hygiene with hand washing and hand sanitizer availability
- ♣ Continued cleaning protocols
 - ♣ Building upgrades: HVAC, flooring replacement expansion
 - ♣ K - 6 use of plexiglass (cafeteria)
- ♣ Daily symptom checking mandatory for all
 - ♣ Stay home if: Fever is over 100.4 degrees F, cough, sore throat, headache, etc.
- ♣ Socially-distance to the extent possible to have all students in-person



Contact Tracing & Quarantining



- ◆ Granville Schools are still legally required to contact trace any individual who tests positive for COVID-19. Social distancing threshold is 3 feet as it was last year.
- ◆ Positive tests regardless of vaccination status will lead to isolation at the direction of the Licking County Health Department (LCHD).
- ◆ If a child or adult is designated as a close contact in a school environment, their quarantine status is determined by their vaccination status and mask-wearing practices.
 - ◆ Granville Schools cannot determine the vaccination status of students or adults. This will be the sole responsibility of the LCHD.
 - ◆ A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the 2nd dose of a two-dose vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson vaccine).

Quarantining in School Environments

Ohio Dept. of Health requirements

- ♠ Fully vaccinated staff and students
- ♠ If a student or staff member is **fully vaccinated** as determined by the LCHD, and they are designated as a close contact, they WILL NOT be quarantined from school or extra-curriculars if they:
 - ♠ Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, for 14 days which can be reduced to 3 - 5 days after exposure with verification of a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test result is received. No symptoms + following this protocol = no quarantine.
- ♠ In all of these scenarios, if symptoms occur, the student should quarantine and a positive test will lead to isolation as prescribed by the LCHD.
 - ♠ Non-school related close contacts may result in quarantines outside of these guidelines.

QUARANTINE



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- exposed
- staying at home + away from others

VERSUS

ISOLATION



- known case
- sick (even mild symptoms)
- staying at home + away from others

Quarantining in School Environments

Ohio Dept. of Health requirements

- ♠ Not fully vaccinated but wears a mask at school
- ♠ If a student or staff member is not fully vaccinated, but was **consistently wearing a mask** AND physically distancing, they WILL NOT be quarantined from school or extra-curriculars if they:
 - ♠ Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until a viral (PCR or antigen) test performed at least five days after exposure has come back as negative. No symptoms + following this protocol = no quarantine.
 - ♠ Exceptions: lunches and close contacts in unmasked school activities. Close contacts here *may* result in quarantines.
- ♠ In all of these scenarios, if symptoms occur, the student should quarantine and a positive test will lead to isolation as prescribed by the LCHD.
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Ohio Dept. of Health requirements

- ♠ Not fully vaccinated and does not wear a mask to school.
- ♠ If a student or staff member is **not fully vaccinated and has not consistently worn a mask**, they will be quarantined from school and extra-curriculars for 10 days from the last exposure. That can be reduced to 7 days with a negative viral test after day 5 following exposure.
- ♠ In all of these scenarios, if symptoms occur, the student should quarantine and a positive test will lead to isolation as prescribed by the LCHD.
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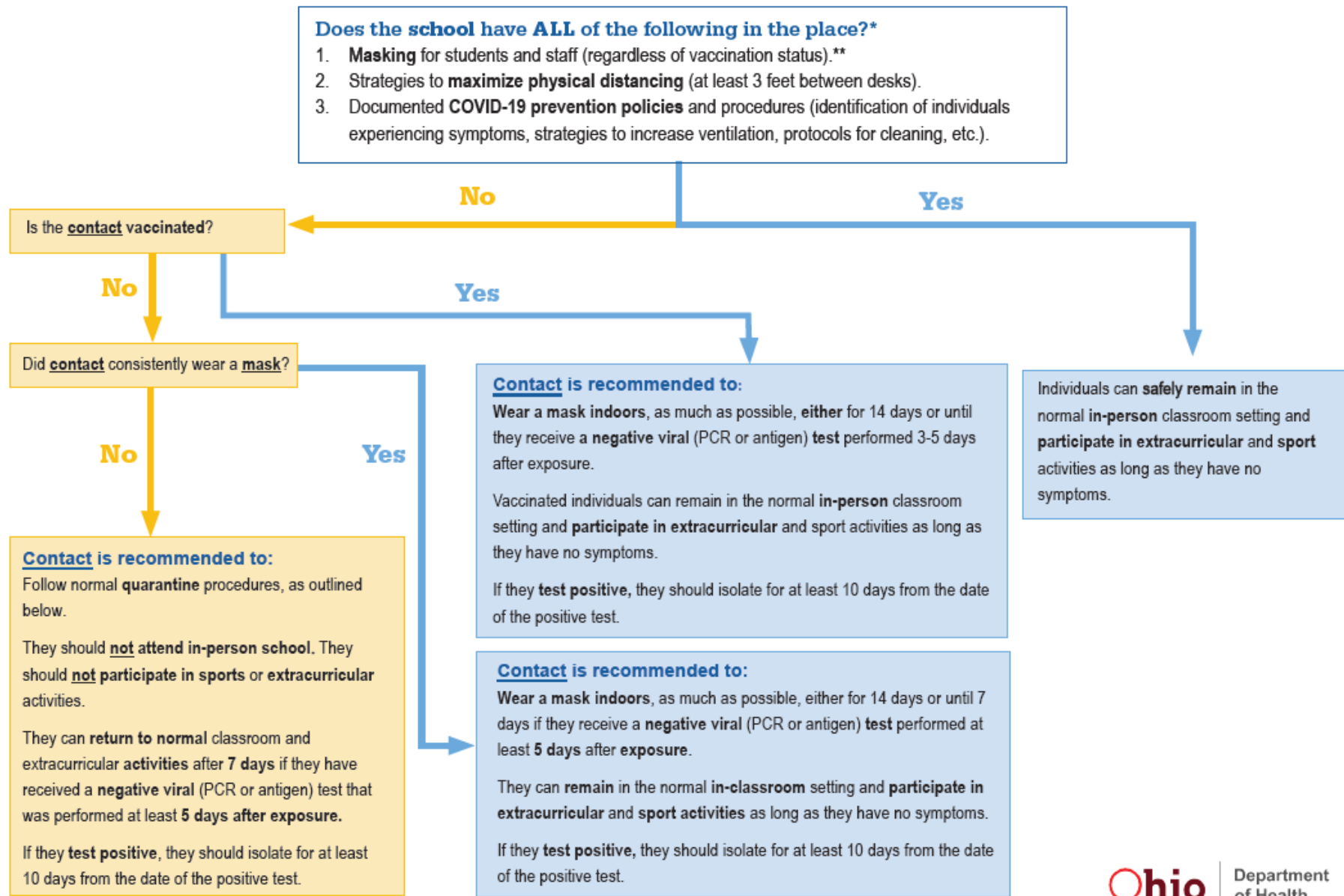


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Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.

Quarantine ODH Guidelines



*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.
**If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.

Quarantine Overview

- ♠ Quarantine: education will be asynchronous at home with email/phone/Schoology contact with staff.
- ♠ In short, masks and vaccinations matter related to quarantining students and staff in close contact situations!
 - ♠ Close contact guidelines outside of school may differ.
 - ♠ Positive test results will lead to Isolation at the discretion of LCHD.
- ♠ These quarantine protocols are determined by the LCHD/ODH and must be followed by schools.

Transportation

- ♠ Bus routes returned to 2019-20 levels
 - ♠ 0.5 mile radius from school of attendance as before
 - ♠ Grades 9 - 12 busing reinstated
- ♠ Masks will be **REQUIRED** for all students on buses
 - ♠ Granville Schools falls under the same federal rules that all mass transit entities have to follow (airlines, trains, subways, etc.).



Activities: Indoors vs. Outdoors

- ♠ Outdoor school events—Masks are optional unless the entire district has a mask mandate.
- ♠ Indoor school events—Masks are required for indoor school events.
- ♠ Visitors to school—Will be limited and masks are required.
- ♠ Recess—Masks are not required for outdoor recess at this time; Indoor recess will be based on parent choice unless the district has a mask mandate in place.



Food Service

- ♠ US Department of Agriculture will continue free lunch program for all students for the 2021-22 school year. This is for the traditional school lunch offered each day.
- ♠ Students will have assigned seats at lunch.
- ♠ As always, students should not share food or drink at lunch.



Next Steps

- ♠ Parental/guardian choice: All families will be asked to fill out a very short survey for each of their children to identify their mask preference for their children for the 1st quarter.
 - ♠ Survey will be sent out Tuesday via parent/guardian emails and be due by the following Monday, August 16. One survey will be required for each student.
- ♠ Weekly review of Granville data in collaboration with the LCHD.
- ♠ Any changes in mask status of the District will be communicated via School Messenger, social media, email, and the District Website.

Questions?