



Lebanon City Schools

Special Board Meeting

COVID-19 Update

August 25, 2021

Current Guidelines





Masks on Transportation

Current CDC orders all "persons must wear masks over the mouth and nose when traveling on conveyances into and within the United States."

The CDC specifically refers to school buses as a "means of transit" and their FAQ states it applies to school buses.

Legal counsel states this order does apply to school transportation and failure to enforce could result in claims of immunity against the district.

Under current guidelines, only the students seated with a positive student will be required to quarantine due to distance and masks.

WCHD Quarantine Guidelines



Warren County Health District
Who Needs to Quarantine?
A Guide for K-12 Education Settings
Updated 8/7/2021

The Warren County Health District is currently following ODH and CDC guidelines for the definition of a close contact to a case of COVID-19. Any close contacts to a case must fulfill a quarantine, which may be a 14 day, 10 day, or 7 day with a test quarantine, depending on the option that the school has deemed acceptable.

Who is a Close Contact?
Someone who was within 6 feet of a COVID-19 case for 2 days before the onset of symptoms in the case for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period (for example, three individual 5-minute exposures for a total of 15 minutes).

Who is not a Close Contact?
In the K-12 (indoor classroom setting), a student is not a close contact if they are wearing a facial covering and at least 3ft away from the case OR
The person who would have otherwise been a close contact is fully vaccinated OR
The person who would have been a close contact was diagnosed with COVID-19 in the last 3 months

Close Contact Examples in the K-12 Classroom Setting

Example 1
Case, mask Contact, mask
In this example, the case would need to isolate and the contacts wearing a mask would not need to quarantine.
Isolated: Quarantined: None Not Quarantined: [] [] [] [] []

Example 2
Case, mask Contact, no mask Contact, mask Contact, vaccinated
In this example, the case would need to isolate, the contacts of the case not wearing a mask would need to quarantine, the contacts wearing a mask would not need to quarantine, and the contact that was fully vaccinated would not need to quarantine.
Isolated: Quarantined: [] [] Not Quarantined: [] []

Example 3
Case, no mask Contact, no mask Contact, mask Contact, vaccinated
In this example, the case would need to isolate, the contacts of the case not wearing a mask would need to quarantine, the contacts wearing a mask would not need to quarantine, and the contact that was fully vaccinated would not need to quarantine.
Isolated: Quarantined: [] [] Not Quarantined: [] []

Example 4
Case, no mask Contact, no mask
In this example, the case would need to isolate, and all of the contacts of the case not wearing a mask would need to quarantine.
Isolated: Quarantined: [] [] [] [] Not Quarantined: None

Quarantine guidelines come from Warren County Health District

Advice from attorney is that SB22 still gives Health District authority to quarantine, thus we must follow.



Current Quarantine Guidelines

Contact Tracing

- Everyone inside of 6 feet for at least 15 minutes is defined as a “close contact”
- Close contacts who are vaccinated are not required to quarantine
- Close contacts who are 3-6 feet away and wearing a mask are not required to quarantine

Quarantine Requirements

- Vaccinated individuals are not required to quarantine but should wear mask for 10 days and monitor symptoms
- Quarantine lengths: at least 10 days **or** 7 days with a negative test after day 5



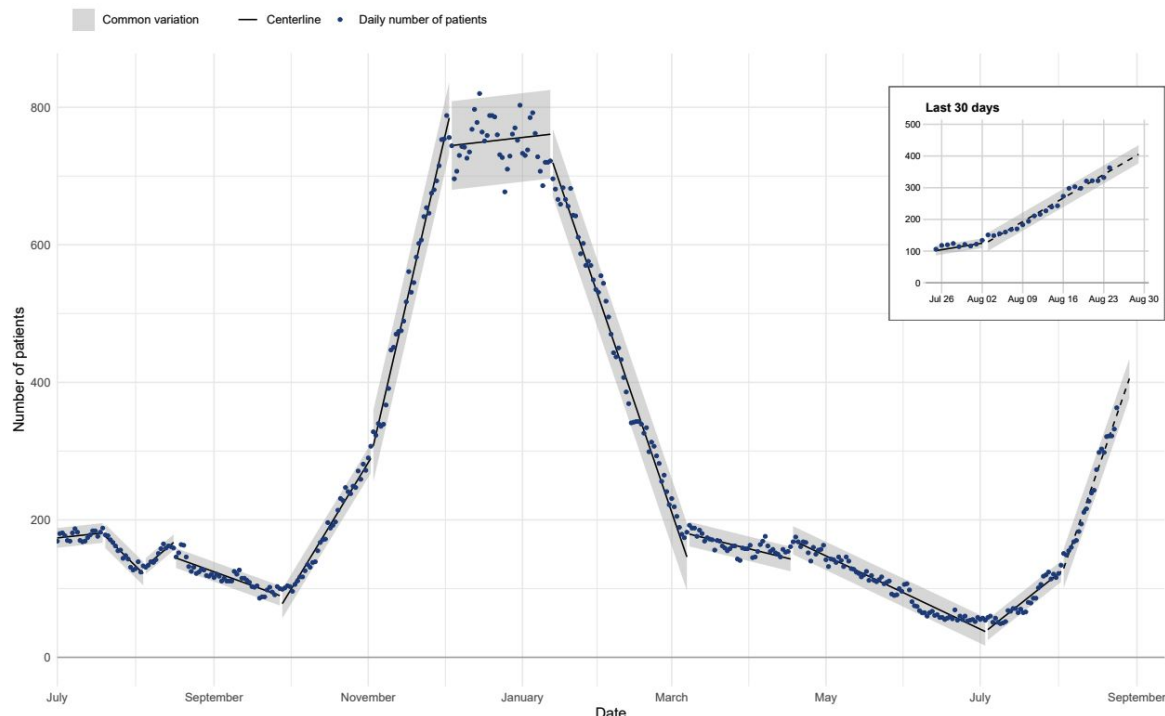
Discussions with Health Professionals

- **Data Source:** Center for Clinical & Translational Science & Training
 - <https://www.cctst.org/covid19>
- Data from Atrium Hospital President
 - On July 1st, 7 COVID hospitalizations
 - On August 13, 113 COVID hospitalizations
- Cases by Zip Code in 45036
 - On August 10th: 40 cases in last two weeks
 - On August 25th: 88 cases in last two weeks

Current Regional Hospitalizations



Number of positive COVID-19 patients in Region 6 hospitals

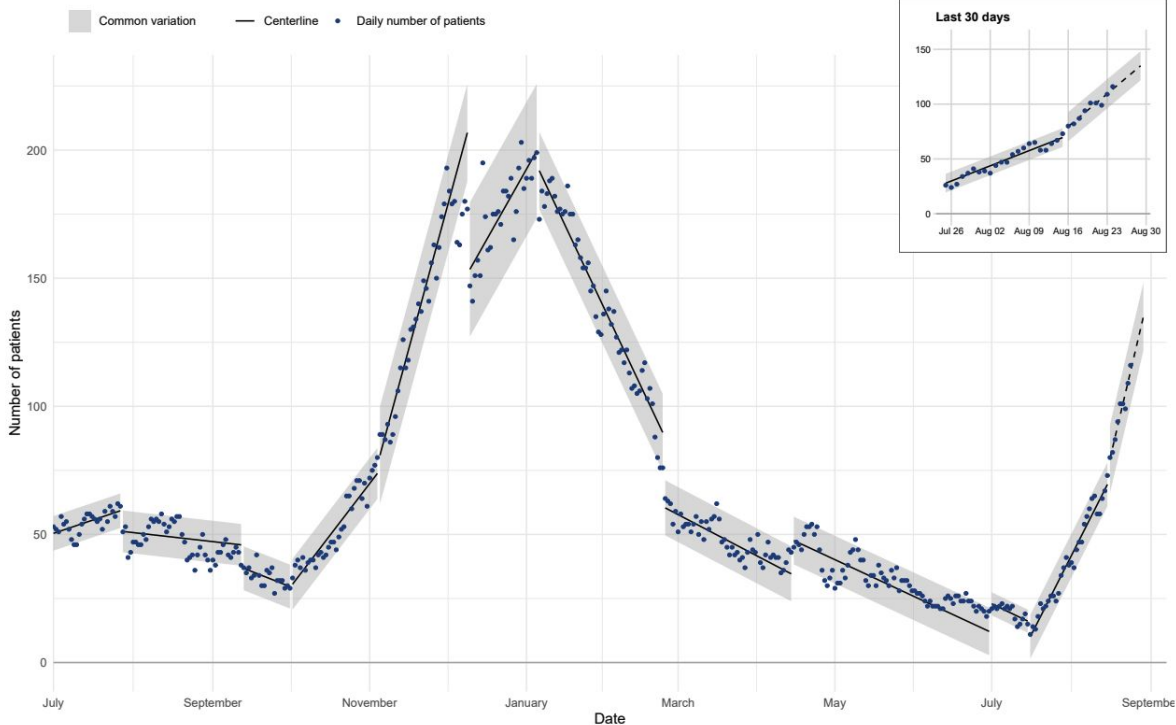


Dashed line indicates a temporary centerline that will change over time. Source: Ohio Hospital Association Hospital Resource Tracker on August 24th

Current Regional ICU Admissions



Number of positive COVID-19 patients in Region 6 ICUs



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How did
we get here



Parent Input is Divided



DIFFERENCES

Masks and Kids | Wear Masks [152 | 125]



Side A

I'm glad we are going without masks The kids need to be kids

★ 5.0 ★ 1.0

I believe students, with the help of their parents, should be able to decide for themselves whether or not they will wear facemasks.

★ 4.9 ★ 1.1

Side A/B Common (high)

Not sending your child to school when they're sick To reduce the spread of any illness

★ 4.6 ★ 4.5

Regular communications direct to parents I like the texts messages with info and changes

★ 4.4 ★ 4.3

Side B

I am fine with in person schooling, as I thought they did well last year. However, I feel like kids in all grades (even vaccinated) should wear masks. The Pediatric Society recently recommended that all children over 3 should wear masks. This gives parity to all kids and protects them and teachers.

★ 1.1 ★ 5.0

I believe all students should continue to wear mask and social distance. Covid 19 is not yet gone and there is still a big risk to students and their families.

★ 1.0 ★ 5.0



2020 Compared to 2021

- 20% of students participated in VLA in 2020 school year = 1,078 students
 - Average class sizes were in 18-22 student range
- Over 1,000 students have now returned to school
 - Average class sizes have increased

6 feet of separation is NOT possible in most classrooms



2020 Compared to 2021

- Quarantine Guidelines have changed, in an effort to keep more kids in school
 - **2020:** required both students to be wearing a mask to escape quarantine
 - **2021:** only requires the close contact to be wearing a mask
- **2020:** 100% mask mandate
- **2021:** Approximately 25% PK-6 students wearing a mask and 10% 7-12 students wearing a mask

HOMEROOM



- P - Positive
- PP - Presumed Positive
- M - Masked Student
- Q - Quarantine
- HR - Homeroom
- ST - Switch Teacher
- L - Lunch
- AB - Absent
- OK - Okay

				OK	Q-L
Q-L #2	Q-HR #2	Q-HR #1	Q-HR #1	AB	Q-HR #4
Q-HR #3	Q-HR #3	Q-HR #1	P#1	Q-HR #1	PP#4
Q-ST #1	PP#3	PP#2	M	Q-HR #1	Q-HR #4
Q-L #1	Q-L #1	Q-HR #3	Q-HR #2	Q-L #4	OK



2020 Compared to 2021

- According to the Warren County Health District, they were able to identify three classroom outbreaks all of last year in all of Warren County.
- We have two outbreaks under review right now by WCHD.

The impact of low masking percentages, low vaccination rates, and students coming to school ill has led to a large number of quarantines.

County Vaccination Comparison

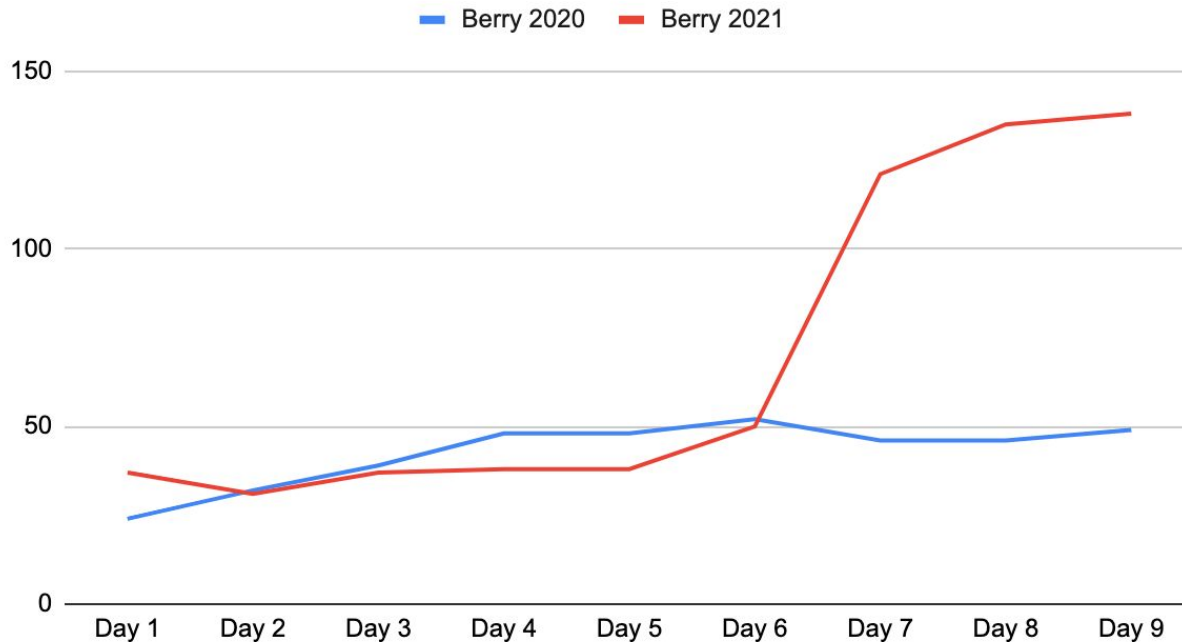


	Aged 12-17	
ZIP Code	Fully Vaccinated	Masked Percentage
45005 - Franklin	17.2%	Less than 10%
45034 - Kings Mills	61.5%	47% PK-6, 20% 7-12
45036 - Lebanon	35.1%	25% PK-6, 10% 7-12
45040 - Mason	68.1%	PK-6 required, 30-50% MS, 20% HS
45065 - South Lebanon	36.1%	Not in school yet
45066 - Springboro	45.9%	PK-6 required, 10-12% 7-12
45068 - Waynesville	32.1%	Not in school yet



First 10 Days Compared to 2020 – Berry

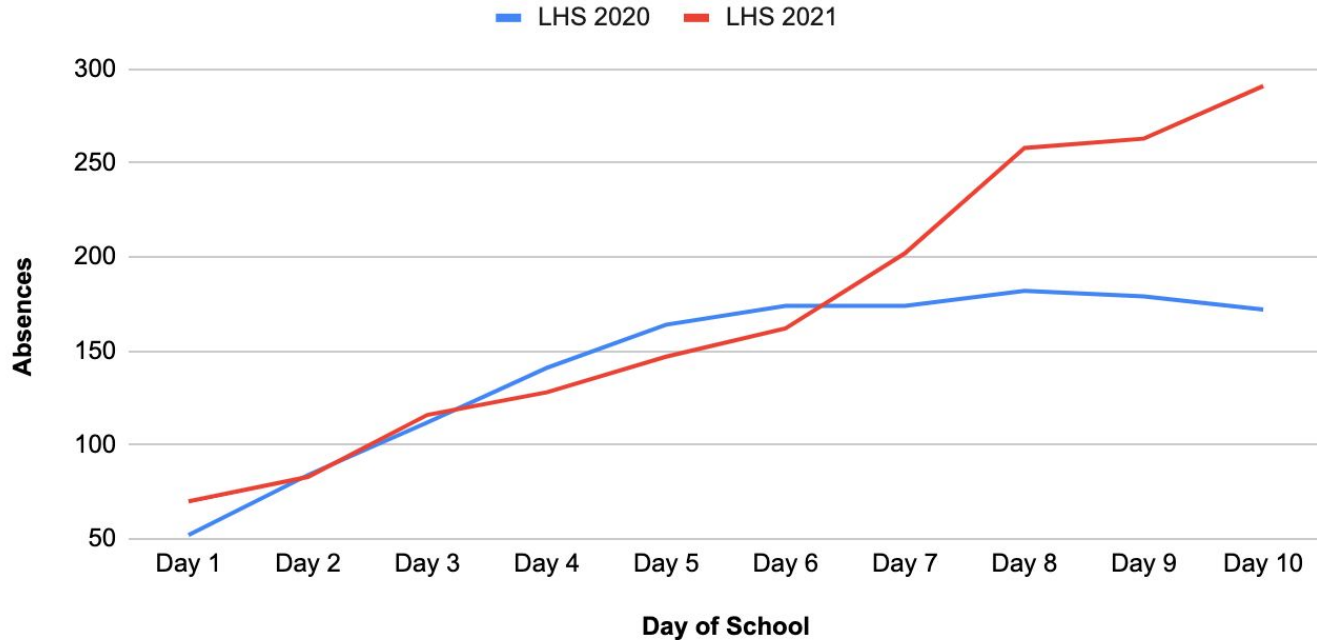
Daily Absences Days 1-9 BIS 2020 and BIS 2021





First 10 Days Compared to 2020- LHS

Daily Absences Days 1-10 LHS 2020 and LHS 2021





Absence Percentage of Enrollment

	STUDENTS IN BUILDING*	10%	12%	15%	18%	20%
Bowman	1214	121	146	182	219	243
		117				
Donovan	823	82	99	123	148	165
				125		
Berry	835	84	100	125	150	167
				138		
Junior High	865	87	104	130	156	173
						198
High School	1616	162	194	242	291	323
					291	



COVID Tracker Information

- As of 4:30 PM this afternoon
 - 49 Students Positive: 2 breakthrough cases
 - 17 more students waiting on test results
 - 536 students identified as close contacts and in quarantine protocol
 - 52 students vaccinated or masked and will not miss school

Our highest week from last year was **11/8-11/14**

- 33 positive cases
- 192 quarantined students

Recommendation



Priority is to maintain IN-PERSON LEARNING



Any recommendation is made from the perspective that we need to prioritize student attendance and reduce student absences related to illness and quarantine.

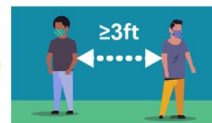
We need to keep students in school and stop the rate of quarantines.

Current Guidance from Cincinnati Children's



COVID-19 Control in Children

- The 'Bundle'
 1. Masking
 2. Distancing – at least 3 feet
 3. Hand hygiene
 4. Vaccination
 5. Environmental cleaning
 6. Ventilation
- Implement all or as many as possible, measure reliability!



Bundle – A series of evidence-based interventions that when done reliably together yield better outcomes than any individual intervention.



Immediate Recommendation



WCHD epidemiologist is concerned about the level of spread we are experiencing in our facilities. They have recommended that we take action to slow the rate of quarantines.

Propose a three week mask requirement for staff and all students in PK-12.

Administrative Guideline for 8450.01



Policy 8450.01 states

“If any of these Directing Entities or District Administration requires staff, students, and/or visitors to wear face coverings while attending school, reporting to work at a school, or visiting a school, the District's Administration will follow and enforce such directives.”

Proposed AG 8450.01



District Administration will have the authority to implement a facial covering requirement if ANY of the following conditions are met at a building level.

- IF the three-day average of daily absences reaches 15% of a building enrollment.
 - The absence types used for calculation will include students in isolation, quarantined, excused, or unexcused absences.
- IF the number of students involved in the quarantine protocol: isolation, quarantine, or vaccinated close-contacts reaches 15% of a building enrollment.
- IF the staff absences in a building reaches 10% due to isolation, quarantine, or exhibiting symptoms consistent with the epidemiology of the illness.

Proposed AG 8450.01



If any of these conditions are met for a specific building, the District will implement a three (3) week facial covering requirement for ALL students, staff, and visitors in THAT building, regardless of their vaccination status.

The mandatory mask requirement will remain in place for at least three weeks AND until the percentage of absences falls below 10% for that specific building.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Facial coverings will be required when six (6) feet of social distancing is not possible in indoor settings and when students/staff will be present in that location for at least 15 minutes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Classroom desks where 6 feet of separation is not possible.
- Group work or meetings where 6 feet of separation is not possible.
- All students and staff must wear a face covering when boarding the bus, riding the bus, and departing the bus.
- Staff members working with small groups of students, or moving around the room to assist individual students.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Staff members will be permitted to remove their facial covering if they are:

- Working at their desk, or work station, and not within 6 feet of other individuals.
- Instructing in the front of the room, as long as they are at least six (6) feet away from students and other staff members.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Mask exemptions may be made for exceptions outlined by the CDC and ODH. The request for such exception must be submitted in writing to the school nurse, and a decision on the request will be provided in writing.