

COVID-19 September 2021 Student Report

For Immediate Release:
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Dear Carrollton Schools Community:

As promised in our last communication, we committed to reevaluate the mask policy for our school district based on community and school data. After reviewing the data, we have decided to keep our mask mandate in effect and active through the end of October.

While we know the mask requirements are not the most popular choice, we are including data that may help you better understand our decision. Our goal has been, and always will be, to keep children in school, involved in activities and receiving the education they deserve.

Below is an update on positive COVID-19 cases within our district and the potential number of students that would have been quarantined if there were no mask mandate. Below you will also see the Carroll County Health Department numbers as of September 2021.

Week of September 7th

Three (3) positive COVID cases

Twenty-seven (27) students would have been required to quarantine due to exposure

Week of September 13th

Four (4) positive COVID cases

Thirty-seven (37) students would have been required to quarantine due to exposure

Week of September 20th

Three (3) positive COVID cases

Thirty (30) students would have been required to quarantine due to exposure

Week of September 27th

Two (2) positive COVID cases

Thirty-five (35) students would have been required to quarantine due to exposure

Total = 12 COVID positive students/teachers

Total = 129 students would have been required to quarantine due to exposure

Carroll County Health Department

August/September 2021 COVID Report

- 427 # of Reported COVID-19 Cases in Carroll County for September 2021
- 235 # of Reported COVID-19 Cases in Carroll County for August 2021
- 5 Deceased COVID-19 Cases in Carroll County for September 2021
- 4 Deceased COVID-19 Cases in Carroll County for August 2021
- 184 Active COVID-19 Cases in Carroll County
- 5 Active Outbreaks of COVID-19 in Carroll County

Akron Children's Hospital

- 18 new admissions, 6 in ICU, 1 on ventilator. No open beds.

RATIONALE AND SUMMARY:

It is important to note that all health departments in Ohio are required to follow ORC Section 3707.08, which we are attaching to this communication. Although health departments cannot legally quarantine individuals from a school district, it is my duty to ensure all students have the opportunity to receive a high quality education. Thus, mask mandates keep students in school. Why? Because if

students/staff do not wear a face covering, the local health department is required by law to impose contact tracing and put quarantine measures in place.

Wearing a face covering allows the District to spend more time educating students instead of spending countless hours contact tracing. We have learned from last year that contract tracing is quite consuming. Hundreds of students who did not even have COVID-19 sat at home and were forced to miss valuable teacher instruction and extra-curricular activities.

Please understand that the CEVSD Board of Education does not have a political agenda regarding the mandated mask policy. Rather, the Board recognizes the importance of keeping students in school. Students cannot afford to lose any more instruction.

As Superintendent, I will re-evaluate the mandated face covering policy at the end of October 2021. I appreciate your patience, understanding and passion for our district!