



Fairport Harbor Exempted Village School District

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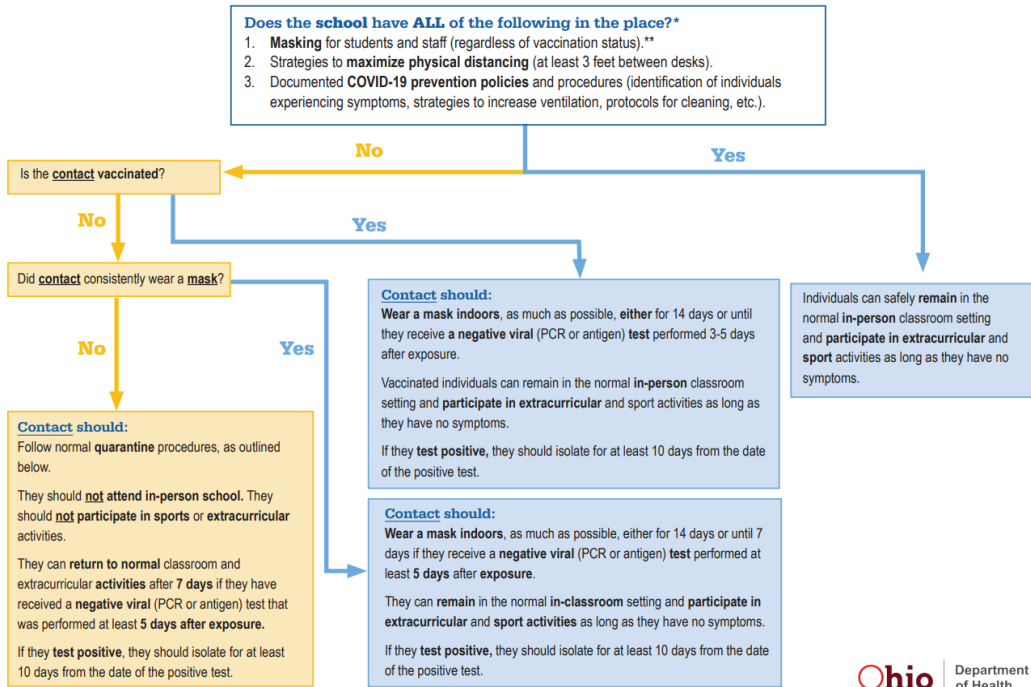
Hello Skippers,

The 2021-22 school year is underway. Even though the start of the school year has always been a time of anticipation, enthusiasm, and excitement, this year was special! I am happy to report that FHEVS is back to in-person learning and off to a great start. There seems to be an extra element of energy and momentum present at McKinley and Harding. I want to give a big THANK YOU to our staff for all their efforts to start this year in a smooth, efficient way. Teachers have worked hard to get their rooms organized and ready for our students. Office and custodial staff have also worked extra hard in getting the buildings clean and ready for a great school year.

School Districts across the country have been placed in the middle of a difficult and vigorously debated issue with respect to mask mandates at school. Every day, we receive phone calls and emails from parents and community members offering different, often opposing, views about masking in our schools. It is important to note that as of now, local and state health officials have not issued an order requiring face masks in schools, as they did last school year. Various local, state and federal health agencies and officials have recommended, though not required, masks to be worn in schools. Fairport Harbor Schools are following suit and recommending but not requiring masks.

Please see below the steps that FHEVS will follow for contact tracing when made aware of a positive COVID-19 case. Our school nurse will work with the Lake County General Health District to investigate the case and identify any close contacts in accordance with the Lake County General Health District and the Ohio Department of Health's quarantine protocols. Those quarantine protocols can be seen [here](#). Please see the below quarantine flow chart for your reference.

Revised **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.



*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.
 **The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.

I want to thank everyone who has helped us get our kids back in school where they belong. I love the way this school district faces adversity, and the last year has done nothing but make that conviction stronger.

Future updates regarding any of these matters will be provided as needed as soon as they are available.

Thank you,

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