

2021-2022 Back to School Guidance

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**Lorain County
Public Health**

For the Health of Us All

Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) encourages everyone who can get the COVID-19 vaccine to be vaccinated. This includes teachers, staff, and students (over age 12). Getting vaccinated prevents severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19. With the Delta variant, this is more urgent than ever.

Unvaccinated

LCPH recommends that people who are unvaccinated or currently ineligible for a COVID-19 vaccine wear masks while in indoor school and indoor public settings. Unvaccinated people should also continue to social distance from others. The best way to protect unvaccinated people is for their close contacts to get vaccinated.

- Find clinic times at LorainCountyHealth.com/vaccines
- Or, call 440-284-3206 for an appointment.
- All 3 types of COVID-19 vaccine are available at no cost through LCPH:
 - Pfizer (2 doses for ages 12+)
 - Moderna (2 doses for ages 18+)
 - Johnson & Johnson (1 dose for ages 18+)

Transportation

LCPH and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) do not require masking on transportation. As a reminder, the CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This CDC requirement is regardless of vaccination status.

Quarantine & Isolation

ODH has required that all contact tracing and case management be handled by the company contracted, Public Consulting Group (PCG). LCPH will receive updates from PCG when large-scale outbreaks occur. LCPH is ready to respond to those local needs, should they arise.

[Click to review exposure, quarantine, and isolation information in its entirety.](#)

Update to guidance, effective 9/29/21:

If a student is in quarantine

- They may remain in the normal in-classroom setting while wearing a mask during their quarantine period as long as they remain asymptomatic.
- Outside of the in-classroom setting, normal quarantine rules and procedures apply (i.e. no extra-curricular activities)
- If symptoms begin, they should stay home and isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms.

Testing

LCPH recommends the use of at-home antigen testing kits for students and staff who may have been exposed or have symptoms of COVID-19. These kits are not as accurate for those without an exposure or symptoms. The more accurate PCR tests are recommended for follow up. Find local COVID-19 testing information at [LorainCountyHealth.com/Coronavirus#Testing](https://loraincountyhealth.com/coronavirus#testing).

If sick, stay home.

Remember, it's imperative to stay home if you feel sick. There are many diseases that spread from person to person.