



Parkland School District

Indoor Face Covering Decision Matrix

The Parkland School District has developed a decision-making tool in partnership with St. Luke’s University Health Network and in consultation with Lehigh Valley Health Network. This evidence-based approach is designed to assist Parkland School District when a change may be needed to our face covering policy. Our goal is to have all schools remain open for five days a week of in-person instruction.

Indoor face covering requirements are a priority mitigation strategy across the tiers. Individual schools or the District may transition between tiers depending on the metrics set forth. Movement among tier levels will be considered after two consecutive weeks from the indicated change of the criteria. Immediate changes may be necessary as a result of outbreaks within a building.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	<u>Guiding Metrics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 0-49 cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a 7-day period &/or • 0%-7.9% test positivity rate &/or • PSD student/staff cases less than 10 in a 10-day rolling window &/or • No evidence of community spread in school(s) &/or High community and student/staff vaccination rates (60% and higher) *based upon entire population 	<u>Guiding Metrics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50-100 cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a 7 day &/or • 8-9.9% test positivity rate &/or • PSD student/staff cases less than 20 in a period 10 day rolling window &/or • No evidence of community spread in school(s) &/or • Moderate community and student/staff vaccination rates (40- 59.9%)*based upon entire population 	<u>Guiding Metrics:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 100+cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a 7-day period &/or • ≥ 10% test positivity rate &/or • PSD student/staff cases greater than 20 in a 10-day rolling window &/or • Evidence of community spread in school(s) &/or • Low community and student/staff vaccination rates (0-39.9%)*based upon entire population
Students -Pre-K-8	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>
Students -9-12	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>
Students -Visual and Performing Arts -Athletics	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>
Faculty/Staff	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors when with students</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>
Nursing Suite(s)/Training Room(s)	<i>Required Indoors</i>	<i>Required indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>
Transportation	<i>Required per CDC/PDE order</i>		
Volunteers/Visitors	<i>Recommended Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>	<i>Required Indoors</i>

Parkland School District will continue to work with our local Healthcare Providers to determine decision making factors as well as on-going review of recommendations from Center for Disease Control (CDC). The CDC states: In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors. CDC recommends that people who are not fully vaccinated wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings or during activities that involve sustained close contact with other people. Fully vaccinated people might choose to wear a mask in crowded outdoor settings if they or someone in their household is immunocompromised.