



Parkland School District

Indoor Face Covering Decision Matrix

effective January 19, 2022

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. 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.

Our goal is to have all schools remain open for five days a week of in-person instruction. All guiding metrics will be analyzed in determining Tier changes. Decisions may not be based upon any one single factor.

	Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	<u>Metrics that help guide decision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0-49 cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a rolling 7-day period 0%-7.9% test positivity rate Monitoring of building and community data. High community and student/staff vaccination rates (60% and higher) based upon entire population 	<u>Metrics that help guide decision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50-100 cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a rolling 7-day period 8-9.9% test positivity rate Monitoring of building and community data. No evidence of community spread in school(s) Moderate community and student/staff vaccination rates (40- 59.9%) based upon entire population 	<u>Metrics that help guide decision:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100+cases/100,000 residents in Lehigh County in a rolling 7-day period ≥ 10% test positivity rate Cases exceed 2.5% of the school building population of students and staff Evidence of community spread in school(s) Low community and student/staff vaccination rates (0-39.9%) based upon entire population
Students/Staff -K-12/ ALL	No Recommendations	Recommended Indoors	Required Indoors
Students -Visual/Performing Arts and Athletics	No Recommendations	Recommended Indoors	Required Indoors except while physically playing interscholastic sports or performing a dance
Nursing Suite(s)/ Training Room(s)	No Recommendations	Required indoors	Required Indoors
Transportation	Required per federal order		

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.

**Small School: less than 500 staff & students : (IR)*

**Medium School: 500-900 staff & students : (CE, FO, JL, KR, KV, PM, SC, VM)*

**Large School: 900 + staff & students: (OMS, SMS, PHS)*