

**School Operations During the Covid-19 Pandemic
January 4, 2022**

Executive Order 21-24, currently in effect through September 30, 2021, provides local school boards are responsible for implementing local measures and restrictions to address the impact and spread of Covid-19. The Executive Order also, states that these restrictions and measures may not be less restrictive than directives of the Indiana Department of Health.

The IDOH, has issued control measures for K-12 schools with regard to quarantine and isolation:

- Everyone masked in a classroom setting – close contacts are not required to quarantine and may continue to attend school as long as they are asymptomatic
- Some masked in a classroom setting – close contacts within 6 feet of the positive case must quarantine

Our schools continue to work collaboratively to implement data-based measures that will afford a safe learning environment. School-based data regarding the spread of Covid-19, while recognizing the level of community spread can provide meaningful information that can aid in decisions regarding school operations.

All Dubois County Schools will utilize the matrix below to determine operations protocols:

County Color	Active Cases	Mask Status	Contact Tracing
Blue	Less than 4% in a school	Recommended (optional) in classroom setting	Within 6 feet
Yellow	Less than 4% in a school	Recommended (optional) in classroom setting	Within 6 feet
Orange	Less than 4% in a school	Recommended (optional) in classroom setting	Within 6 feet
	Greater than 4% in a school	Required in classroom setting for 2 weeks	No contact tracing
Red	Less than 4% in a school	Recommended (optional) in classroom setting	Within 6 feet
	Greater than 4% in a school	Required in classroom setting for 2 weeks	No contact tracing

Exposures in *outdoor settings* during the day do not require contact tracing; i.e. recess, physical education, outdoor learning labs, etc.

Exposures during *indoor activities where masks cannot be worn*, such as lunch, choir and band will require contact tracing within 6 feet for 15 minutes and quarantine.

Situational decisions due to Covid-19 may be made based upon classroom and extra-curricular activities.

Example 1

A positive Covid outbreak occurs in a self-contained elementary classroom. That classroom could potentially go virtual or be required to wear masks for the next two weeks instead of masking the entire building.

Example 2

A positive Covid outbreak occurs on a sports team. The entire team could be quarantined for 5 days instead of masking the entire building.

Isolation/Quarantine Guidance

COVID-19 Positive

Option 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolate at home for 5 days• Return on day 6 if symptoms improved• Wear a mask in all school settings except while eating or drinking for 5 additional days.
Option 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Isolate for 10 days• Return on day 11 if symptoms improved

*Must be fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medication.

Close Contact to Someone with COVID-19

Fully Vaccinated Individual OR COVID-19 in Past 90 Days	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• No quarantine• If develop symptoms, stay home and test.
Unvaccinated Individual	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quarantine for 5 days• Return on day 6 if asymptomatic• If develop symptoms, stay home and test.

Students may continue to learn virtually during this time.