



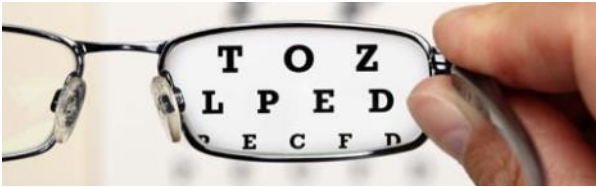
SCHOOL WELLNESS NEWSLETTER



October 2023

INFORMATION FROM WYOMING CITY SCHOOLS' HEALTH SERVICES

VISION AND HEARING SCREENINGS



Health Services staff will start conducting vision and hearing screenings this month. The state of Ohio mandates screenings for children in KG, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th, and 11th grades. If your child is not in one of these grades but you would like their hearing and/or vision tested, please contact your child's school health clinic.

How will results be shared?

If your child does not pass the hearing or vision screening, the school health specialist will send a letter to share the results and make a recommendation for further evaluation by the child's healthcare provider/specialist. If your child passes the screenings, no letter will be sent home. You are welcome, however, to contact the school health specialist to learn screening findings.

Why is it important to have vision screened?

Young children with vision problems do not know the way that they see the world is not the way they should be seeing it! Without early detection and treatment, children's vision problems can lead to permanent vision loss and learning difficulties.

Screening will consist of one or more of the following:

- Distance visual acuity - ability to see objects far away
- Binocular vision - how well the eyes work together
- Color vision - ability to see colors

Why is it important to have hearing screened?

- Hearing is important for speech, language development, reading and learning.
- Can detect if a child needs further hearing testing.
- Even if a child has passed a hearing screening previously, their hearing can change.
- Hearing problems can be related to medical problems.
- Hearing loss is invisible and the child may appear to be not paying attention.

Hearing screening will consist of the following test:

- Audiometry - Screening of hearing acuity



The [Teal Pumpkin Project](#) is a simple way to make trick-or-treating safer and more inclusive for the one in 13 children living with food allergies, and many others impacted by intolerances and other conditions. Placing a teal pumpkin on your doorstep signals that, in addition to candy, you offer non-food trinkets and treats that are safe for all trick or treaters. Help make this Halloween one to remember!



[FREE Printable Signs](#)
Print and hang in front of your home to show that you have non-food treats available.



Add Your House or Event to the [Map](#)

By adding your home to the [Teal Pumpkin Project Map](#), you are making your house easy to find for those on the hunt for non-food treats. The more houses added to the Map, the more inclusive (and therefore more fun) we can make Halloween!



Updated COVID-19 Vaccines are now available

GET YOUR VACCINE

The CDC has issued new recommendations for COVID-19 immunizations after the FDA approved a reformulated coronavirus vaccine from both Pfizer and Moderna. The CDC recommends that everyone who is eligible stay up-to-date on vaccinations by getting the updated vaccine at least 2 months after their last dose of any COVID-19 vaccine.

EVERYONE AGED 5 YEARS AND OLDER SHOULD GET 1 DOSE OF THE UPDATED Pfizer-BioNTech OR MODERNA VACCINE TO PROTECT AGAINST SERIOUS ILLNESS FROM COVID-19.

THOSE WHO HAVE RECENTLY HAD COVID-19 SHOULD STILL GET THE UPDATED VACCINATION, BUT MAY CONSIDER DELAYING UP TO THREE MONTHS FROM EITHER THE ONSET OF SYMPTOMS OR, IF ASYMPTOMATIC, THE RECEIPT OF A POSITIVE TEST RESULT. DURING THE WEEKS TO MONTHS FOLLOWING INFECTION, THE LIKELIHOOD OF REINFECTION DIMINISHES. NEVERTHELESS, CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES MAY WARRANT EXPEDITING VACCINATION, INCLUDING:

1. PERSONAL RISK OF SEVERE DISEASE.
2. RISK OF DISEASE IN A LOVED ONE OR CLOSE CONTACT.
3. LOCAL COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSION RATES.
4. THE PREVALENT COVID-19 VARIANT CAUSING ILLNESS IN THE AREA.

ALWAYS CONSULT WITH A HEALTHCARE PROVIDER TO DETERMINE THE BEST COURSE OF ACTION.

Visit the [CDC](https://www.cdc.gov) website for more information

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UPDATED COVID-19 VACCINE

THE COVID-19 VACCINES FOR 2023-2024 HAVE BEEN UPDATED TO BETTER TARGET THE XBB LINEAGE OF THE OMICRON VARIANT. THESE UPDATED VACCINES COULD HELP RESTORE PROTECTION AGAINST SEVERE COVID-19 THAT MAY HAVE WEAKENED OVER TIME. THE CDC EXPECTS THAT THE NEW VACCINES WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE IN FIGHTING THE CURRENT VARIANTS OF COVID-19 THAT ARE CIRCULATING.



**NEED HELP FINDING A
VACCINATION SITE?**

VISIT [VACCINES.GOV](https://www.vaccines.gov) TO FIND
A LOCATION NEAR YOU

USEFUL SCHOOL LINKS

- [WCS Medication Authorization Form](#)
- [Authorization to Self-Carry Epinephrine](#)
- [Authorization to Self-Carry Inhaler](#)
- [ODH School Immunization Requirements](#)
- [Food in the Classroom Guide](#)
- [Allergen-free Food Options](#)
- [Milford Nutrition Services](#)
- [Student Meal Account Restriction Form](#)
- [CDC Vaccination Catch-Up Guidance](#)
- [Hamilton County Public Health Vaccination Services](#)