

**Facial Covering / COVID-19 protection policy** for all school functions; of the normal school day, after the school day, and all school-related activities, District provided transportation to and from, events on and off school grounds which occur before, during, and after school day hours.

In compliance with the Ohio Department of Health updated K-12 School Guidance (*guidance\* release date 07-27-21*). The guidance strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccinations for staff and eligible students; consistent mask-wearing for individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated; and layering prevention measures that include good ventilation, regular cleaning, hand washing, covering coughs, and sneezes, and staying home when sick.

Following the Ohio Department of Health guidelines, the District also strongly recommends those who are not fully vaccinated consistently wear masks, which have proven a very effective tool for reducing the spread of the virus.

With the exception of school transportation, the covering and proper wearing of facial coverings following CDC guidelines are strongly recommended but not required for the students, staff, and visitors that have or have not been fully vaccinated at this time.

Per the 07-27-21 guidance\* CDC requires masks worn in all public transportation, including school buses, this requirement is regardless of vaccination status.

*\*Reference:*

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>.