



Washington County Public Health K-12 School COVID-19 Guidance: Recommendations and Mitigation Strategies

Aligned with OHA and ODE with recommend [layered mitigation strategies](#) to maximize full time, in-person learning and reduce disruptions for students, staff and families.

Recommendations:

- Have students and staff stay home when sick; seek care and testing as appropriate
- Close Contacts: Recommend staff/students with a known COVID-19 exposure wear a well-fitting mask around others for 10 days following their last exposure
- Positive or Presumed Positive Individuals: Those coming back from 5-day isolation are strongly advised to stay home day 6-10 if not able to properly mask during this time
 - [COVID-19 What To Do If You Test Positive Guidance](#)
- Maintain cohorting and physical distancing
- Ensure handwashing and respiratory etiquette
- Strongly recommend vaccinations for all eligible staff and students
- Notify students and staff of known cases and/or exposures in combination with isolation based on OHA guidelines
 - [OHA Isolation and Exclusion Guidelines for K-12 Settings](#)
 - [Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools](#)
- Notify Washington County Public Health of clusters/outbreaks in a timely manner.
 - Call: 503-846-5404, Monday through Friday, 8am-5pm.
 - Email: HHSPublicHealth_DCAP@co.washington.or.us

When to contact Washington County Public Health (WCPH):

- Send a weekly email to WCPH with the total number of staff and students isolating (confirmed or presumptive cases) for COVID-19 by school for previous week (Monday-Friday); please give separate numbers for students and for staff
- Notify WCPH of reports of severe illness (i.e., students or staff hospitalizations or deaths)
- Notify WCPH if there is a cluster or outbreaks of:
 - Unusual Absenteeism
 - 2 or more linked cases from different households in school or school sanctioned extracurricular activity

Resources:

- [Planning for COVID-19 Scenarios in Schools \(oregon.gov\)](#)
- [Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework for the 2021-22 School Year \(oregon.gov\)](#)
- Testing: OHA Sponsored COVID-19 Testing in Schools: **Page 16, RSSL**
- Isolation Protocols Required by OAR 581-022-2220: **Page 22, RSSL**
- Oregon Health Authority COVID-19 Investigative Guidelines: [Novel-Coronavirus-2019.pdf \(oregon.gov\)](#)