



Lebanon City Schools

Special Board Meeting

COVID-19 Update

August 30, 2021

Quarantine Authority





Update on Quarantine Authority

ORC 3707.08: Local Board of Health must quarantine individuals who have been exposed to COVID-19. ODH has identified COVID-19 as a disease that must be quarantined.

- **SB 22**: removed the power from local boards of health to mandate masks and other items related to the pandemic. It did not remove the authority to quarantine.

OAC 3701-3-03(B)3: outlines a school's responsibility to report cases and suspected cases, including any supplementary information needed to complete official surveillance forms.



Update on Quarantine Authority

ORC 3701.81C: No person having charge of public conveyance or accommodation (...) having reasonable cause to believe that persons using their conveyance or accommodation have been or are being exposed to a dangerous, contagious disease, shall negligently fail to take reasonable measures to protect the public from exposure to the contagion, and to inform health authorities of the existence of the contagion.

42 U.S. Code 12181, a place of education is considered to be a place of public accommodation



Update on Quarantine Authority

ORC 3707.16: “No person isolated or quarantined for a communicable disease declared by the board of health (...) shall attend any public, private, or parochial school or college, Sunday school, church, or any other public gathering, until released from isolation or quarantine by the board.”

Updated Data





COVID Tracker Information

- Today's Totals As of 4:30 PM this afternoon
 - 17 Students Positive
 - 10 more students waiting on test results
 - 286 students identified as close contacts and in quarantine protocol
- Since last Wednesday
 - 40 Students Positive
 - 24 Students waiting on test results
 - 457 students identified as close contacts and in quarantine protocol



Current Local/State Information

- 45036 zip code data: under 18 years old had been 15% of cases up until recently
 - Two weeks ago: 54 new cases, 11 under 18 years old (20.3%)
 - Last week: 103 new cases, 38 under 18 years old (36.9%)
- Spread Among Quarantined: percentage of quarantines becoming symptomatic
 - Jan. 21: 3.9% June 21': 3.9% July 21': 14.3% Aug. 21': 17.7%
- Currently 0 cases of 0-17 year olds hospitalized
 - Less than 10 at Children's Hospital as of Friday last week

Recommendation



Increase in Reporting and Decrease in Attendance



More than 25 reported cases or waiting test results today, we have come to a pivotal moment.

919 students involved in quarantine process as of 4:00 this afternoon.

Loss of Instruction is affecting the efficiency of staff's ability to educate students

Recommendation

Pause student learning for the remainder of this week.

Return on Tuesday, September 7th.

Currently at LHS: 290 quarantined,
242 would be back on the 7th



Recommendation



WCHD epidemiologist is concerned about the level of spread we are experiencing in our facilities. They have recommended that we take action to slow the rate of quarantines.

Propose a three week mask requirement for staff and all students in PK-12.

Administrative Guideline for 8450.01



Policy 8450.01 states

“If any of these Directing Entities or District Administration requires staff, students, and/or visitors to wear face coverings while attending school, reporting to work at a school, or visiting a school, the District's Administration will follow and enforce such directives.”

Proposed AG 8450.01



District Administration will have the authority to implement a facial covering requirement if ANY of the following conditions are met at a building level.

- IF the three-day average of daily absences reaches 15% of a building enrollment.
 - The absence types used for calculation will include students in isolation, quarantined, excused, or unexcused absences.
- IF the number of students involved in the quarantine protocol: isolation, quarantine, or vaccinated close-contacts reaches 15% of a building enrollment.
- IF the staff absences in a building reaches 10% due to isolation, quarantine, or exhibiting symptoms consistent with the epidemiology of the illness.

Proposed AG 8450.01



If any of these conditions are met for a specific building, the District will implement a three (3) week facial covering requirement for ALL students, staff, and visitors in THAT building, regardless of their vaccination status.

The mandatory mask requirement will remain in place for at least three weeks AND until the percentage of absences falls below 10% for that specific building.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Facial coverings will be required when six (6) feet of social distancing is not possible in indoor settings and when students/staff will be present in that location for at least 15 minutes. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Classroom desks where 6 feet of separation is not possible.
- Group work or meetings where 6 feet of separation is not possible.
- All students and staff must wear a face covering when boarding the bus, riding the bus, and departing the bus.
- Staff members working with small groups of students, or moving around the room to assist individual students.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Staff members will be permitted to remove their facial covering if they are:

- Working at their desk, or work station, and not within 6 feet of other individuals.
- Instructing in the front of the room, as long as they are at least six (6) feet away from students and other staff members.

Proposed AG 8450.01



Mask exemptions forms will be available online tomorrow for parents to be making connections to secure the documentation.

The request for such exception must be submitted in writing to the school, and a decision on the request will be provided in writing.