



EDGEWOOD BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Edgewood Families,

Our first full week of the 2021-2022 school year is now in the books and it is exciting to see our students back in the buildings. We had a successful start to another year and our students are again spending valuable time with their peers and teachers. The pandemic that we face as a country has caused all of us to navigate and change routines at any given time. Unfortunately, schools are not shielded from these challenges. Currently, the Edgewood City School District is dealing with a steady increase of COVID cases, especially at Edgewood High School. Our current district numbers are as follows:

EHS - 38 isolations (positives) and 385 quarantines
EMS - 14 isolations (positives) and 180 quarantines
EIS - 10 isolations (positives) and 88 quarantines
EPS - 5 isolations (positives) and 83 quarantines
EECC - 2 isolations (positives) and 15 quarantines
Current district totals - 68 isolations (positives) and 725 quarantines ****AND STILL COUNTING****

As I have mentioned before, we follow the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Butler County General Health District (BCGHD), resulting in students being sent home from school. Unlike last year, we are seeing more students who are quarantined because of a positive contact become positive themselves while quarantined. The overwhelming majority of these quarantines resulted from not wearing a mask. The ODH made it clear that if students are wearing a mask in the school setting, or they are vaccinated, they can remain in school. Please see the [flowchart](#) released by ODH. There are some circumstances where students in a lunch setting could be subject to quarantine, but wearing a mask greatly reduces the chances of a student ending up out of school. Furthermore, we have continued to open more space for student seating during lunch.

Although not mandated, I am strongly recommending that students wear a mask to increase their chance of staying in school, which is our goal. The high school will be on a hybrid schedule starting Tuesday, August 31st – Friday, September 10th in order to try and slow down the number of positive cases and quarantines. All high school students will not attend school this coming Monday, August 30th. EHS parents and students will receive more details today.

Thank you for your patience and understanding during these difficult times.

Sincerely,
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Superintendent
Edgewood City Schools

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