



**SPECIAL BOARD OF
EDUCATION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

Recommendation for Mask Mandate



Tuesday, September 7, 2021

TWO GOALS FOR 2021-22

- Keep people healthy.
- Keep students in school.



Positive Cases by Reporting Period this School Year

Reporting Period End Date

August 12, 2021

August 19, 2021

August 26, 2021

September 2, 2021

New Positive Cases

30

75

148

144





Oklahoma County New Positive Cases per 100,000

- July 6 2.83
- July 13 5.63
- July 20 11.18
- July 28 19.44
- August 4 30.72
- August 11 42.10
- August 18 49.32
- August 25 51.47
- September 1 62.77



Oklahoma COVID-19 Updates

To provide transparency about the rising COVID-19 cases in Oklahoma, four OKC health systems are joining together to give regular updates on case counts and bed availability.

Data last updated September 3, 2021 12:31 pm



122

COVID-19 Patients

0

ICU Beds Available

In SSM Health St. Anthony hospitals. No ICU beds are available. An average of 90% of hospitalized COVID-19 patients are unvaccinated.

Contact



61

COVID-19 Patients

0

COVID-19 Beds Available

As of midnight September 2, 2021, OU Health Hospitals (all three, including Oklahoma Children's Hospital OU Health) have no COVID or Non-COVID ICU beds available.

92% of today's hospitalized COVID patients have not been vaccinated.

Contact



103

COVID-19 Patients

0

ICU Beds Available

In Mercy hospitals across Oklahoma; 54 of those patients are in the Oklahoma City hospital. Of those in the Oklahoma City hospital, 95% are unvaccinated and 5% are vaccinated. Mercy has zero ICU beds available.

Contact



233

COVID-19 Patients

0

Beds Available

COVID patients in our hospitals. Of those in our hospitals, 85% are unvaccinated and 15% are vaccinated. INTEGRIS Health currently has no available ICU beds.

Contact



Recommendation:

- **Effective Wednesday, September 8, 2021, all students and staff will be required to wear masks inside all school and administrative buildings.**
- **The mandate will also apply to all school vehicles, including buses.**
- **Students will be allowed to opt-out of the mask mandate for health, religious, or personal reasons, using a form available on our district website. Parents will need to return completed forms to their children's school(s).**
- **Employees will have the same opt-out provisions and will return completed forms to their supervisors.**
- **In classrooms with universal masking in place, the distance for contact tracing may be reduced from six feet to three feet when determining quarantines.**

A stack of binders is shown. The top binder is blue and has a white label with the word 'POLICIES' in black serif font. Below it is a white binder with a tan label that has the word 'PROCEDURE' in black serif font. The background is a blurred outdoor scene with a building and trees.

POLICIES

PROCEDURE

Recommendation:

- This policy expires when one of the following occurs:
 1. The first semester of the academic school year has ended.
 2. A subsequent court ruling reinstates SB 658 in full.
 3. The Mid-Del Board of Education either amends or ends the policy.
- This policy can be extended by the Mid-Del Board of Education at a regular or special board meeting.
- The district will supply masks at the schools, as we did last year.
- Employees working alone in their classroom or offices will not be required to remain masked.





Stakeholder Input

- 1422 Responses Received
- 954 (67.1%) in agreement with the recommendation
- 447 (31.4%) in disagreement with the recommendation
- 21 (1.5%) commented without clearly expressing agreement or disagreement



Online
Survey



Today's Covid-19 Vaccination Pod

For ages 12 and Older at
Midwest City Elementary





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