

September 14, 2021

To Our School Family and Community:

With the passage of Senate Bill 1 last week, the statewide mask mandate was eliminated and school districts given decision-making authority based on local health conditions. Grayson County is currently firmly in red on the state incidence map. We are also, both alarmingly and sadly, one of the top 10 counties in the nation for COVID-19 infection.

Grayson County Schools will continue to require facial coverings for all students, staff, and visitors inside our school buildings unless otherwise exempt (ex: cannot wear a mask due to disability), regardless of vaccination status. This, along with a multi-layered prevention approach including social distancing, and hand hygiene, follows current guidance from the Kentucky Department of Public Health, CDC and American Academy of Pediatrics. Masks are also required on school buses by public health order of the CDC.

Our COVID numbers as of today, based on a student population of 4,022 and 615 full-time staff are:

Students		Staff	
<i>Positive</i>	<i>Quarantined</i>	<i>Positive</i>	<i>Quarantined</i>
80 = 1.99%	315 = 7.83%	15 = 2.44%	11 = 1.79%

Our district continues to track positive cases of COVID-19, along with quarantines. A COVID dashboard has been posted on the [Reconnect page](#) of our district website, graysoncountyschools.com.

Every decision we make may not be popular, it may not be perfect, but we do make every decision based on what we believe is best for our students, staff, and community. We believe continued universal masking - for the foreseeable future - will help us keep our kids safe and learning in person, which is our primary goal, and something we can **ALL** get behind.

We will revisit these decisions as our community health climate hopefully improves, and communicate any changes through all our regular channels. Please confirm with your school that your contact information is correct to ensure that you receive messages from the district and your school(s).

Sincerely,



Doug Robinson, Superintendent