



OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

COVID-19 UPDATE: January 3, 2022

Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb has extended the Public Health Emergency Declaration for the COVID-19 Outbreak through February 1, 2022.

The Indiana County Advisory Level Metric for Vermillion County currently stands at the “Orange” level with the most recent 7-day positivity rate of 13.72%

We will resume our weekly COVID-19 updates for SVCS this coming Friday, January 7th:

The mask mandate for all SVCS facilities remains in effect until further notice

- I. During school hours in all school buildings
- II. On all school buses, including all athletic and ECA after school events
 - a. Based on current guidance from the CDC and National Association for Pupil Transportation.
 - b. Requirement for face masks on public transportation includes school buses except for those:
 - i. Younger than 2 years of age
 - ii. Those with a disability who cannot wear a mask safely because of the disability as defined by the American with Disabilities Act.
 - c. Follow current mask requirements until further notice

Masking and social distancing at all home after school sponsored events are strongly encouraged by all students, staff/workers and spectators.

Updated Isolation Guidance:

- I. If a student tests positive
 - a. Stay home for **5 days.**
 - b. Return to school on **Day 6** if asymptomatic or symptoms are resolving and continue to mask for 5 days in classroom (if unable to mask properly at all times, must remain isolated at home for full 10 days).

- c. Can resume extracurricular activities on Day 6 if able to wear a mask properly at all times for Days 6-10, above conditions are met and cleared by physician.
- II. If a student is exposed to someone in the classroom
 - a. As long as continue to be asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to wear a mask properly at all times, **test on Day 5, if possible.**
 - b. May continue extracurricular activities; wear a mask properly at all times when able (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity) for all 10 days.
 - c. If symptoms develop, get a test and stay home and if positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
- III. If a student is exposed to someone outside the classroom, including home
 - a. If fully vaccinated (received all doses, including booster, if eligible)
 - i. As long as asymptomatic, may remain in school and continue to mask at all times in the classroom; test on Day 5, if possible.
 - ii. May continue extracurricular activities; wear mask for 10 days (while not actively performing or actively playing during your sporting activity).
 - iii. If symptoms develop, get tested and stay home; follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.
 - b. If unvaccinated/partially vaccinated
 - i. Stay home for 5 days; test on Day 5, if possible
 - ii. Return to school on Day 6 if still asymptomatic. Continue to wear a mask properly for Days 6-10.
 - iii. No extracurricular activities for 5 days of home quarantine. May resume on Day 6 only if able to wear a mask properly at all times (including while actively performing or playing during your sporting activity) for Days 6-10.
 - iv. If symptoms develop, get tested and stay home. If positive, follow isolation guidance. If test is negative, return to school when symptoms have resolved.

K-12 Reminders:







- I. Masking is the safest way to keep everyone safe while in school, and if your school has a mask requirement in place (which we do), no one needs to quarantine if they are identified as “close contacts” in a classroom or school setting. Students and staff may continue to attend school and monitor for symptoms.

- II. Contact tracing, isolation of positive cases and quarantine of “close contacts” is not optional. Continue to follow control measures.
- III. Get students and staff home if they are symptomatic, running a temp, or have other symptoms of COVID-19 and other viral illnesses.
- IV. All students and/or staff who are ill and experience COVID-like symptoms, are encouraged to stay home until symptoms have resolved.
- V. Any positive test results are to be reported to the school nurse and/or building principal/supervisor.
- VI. *We continue to stress that students and staff who are ill to stay home.*

Parent Daily Screening:

COVID-19 Screening for Parents

Every morning before you send your child to school please check for signs of illness:

<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	FEVER 100.4* OR CHILLS <small>*or school board policy if threshold is lower</small>		SORE THROAT		COUGH* OR SHORTNESS OF BREATH <small>*especially new onset, uncontrolled cough</small>
<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	
	DIARRHEA, NAUSEA OR VOMITING, ABDOMINAL PAIN		HEADACHE* <small>*particularly new onset of severe headache, especially with fever</small>		NEW LOSS OF TASTE OR SMELL

*May present with more than one symptom. This list does not include all possible symptoms.

- 1 Does your child have any sign of illness above?
 - 2 Was your child in close contact (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes over a 24-hour period) with anyone confirmed with COVID-19?
 - 3 If the answer is **YES** to any of the questions, **DO NOT** send your student to school. Instead, get your child tested for COVID-19 and isolate them until their test result is received.
 - 4 Please keep your student home until they meet the criteria to return to school.
- If your child has trouble breathing, chest pain, new confusion, inability to wake or stay awake or bluish lips or face. **CALL 911!**

****Please understand the information contained in this memo is current, but subject to change at any given time based on the CDC Guidance and recommendations from the ISDH.***