



September 3, 2021

MCCC Families and Staff,

Due to new positive COVID cases and tracing investigations requiring many unmasked students to quarantine, the Medina County Career Center (MCCC) is implementing a **three-week mask mandate for all students and staff effective Tuesday, September 7 through Tuesday, September 28, 2021**. District leaders will continue to work with the Medina County Health Department, the Medina County Career Center Board of Education, the Medina County Career Center Education Association, and educational leaders across our county to monitor data and local trends to make decisions based upon local and state data.

On August 31, 2021, Governor DeWine asked schools to mandate proper masking stating, **“The bottom line is this: If a child is exposed to the virus, but if that child is vaccinated or if that child was wearing a mask during the exposure, that child does not need to be quarantined.”**

The Medina County Health Department guidelines state, “Students who wear masks in school are less likely to be quarantined. If students are properly masking and are identified as a close contact to someone with COVID, students would NOT be subject to quarantine”. This standard is a game changer. At the end of the day, we would be able to decrease the number of students and staff who are quarantined by over 90% if they were all masked. As of today, nearly 20% of our students have been quarantined at one point or another in just 13 school days. This is obviously not a good trend.

We understand the community has strong feelings about COVID and mitigation strategies. Currently, the biggest educational obstacle affecting student learning is not positive COVID cases, it is quarantine requirements. Based on this new information, the solution is clear, everyone properly masking keeps students in-person learning and avoids the need for virtual instruction, which is NOT our best way to educate students.

As our school family continues to deal with new positive cases of COVID among our students and staff, we keep in mind our primary mission is to provide a safe environment for teaching and learning and to keep our students in the building. We passionately believe this is the best model for career-technical education and our students deserve our best.

MCCC encourages you to review mitigation protocols posted on the [Health and Wellness/COVID-19 tab](#) on our website.

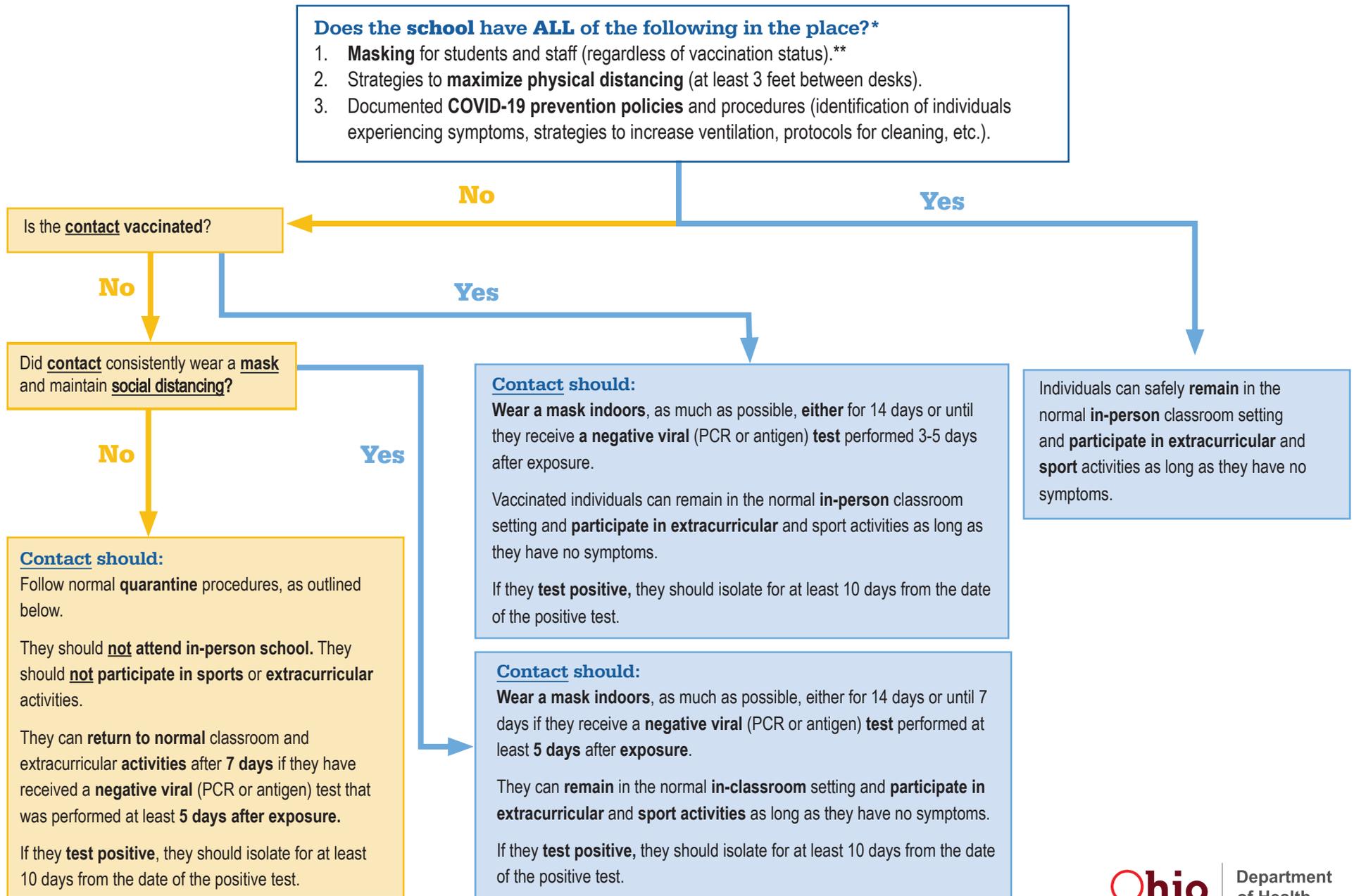
To reiterate, the District's primary objective is to keep students and staff learning in-person. Masking, at this time, achieves this goal. We ask for your continued patience and support.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Chrisman".

Superintendent Steven Chrisman
Medina County Career Center

Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.