



## COVID-19 Masking/Quarantine Guidance

Effective Feb. 24th, Clay County Schools will move its mask guidance from mandatory to optional. This means that mask usage in buildings and on the bus will be optional for both students and staff.

This decision is being made as positive case numbers are going down after the increase during the winter holidays.

School-based wellness centers will continue to help support students and staff who wish to be tested. We specifically encourage athletes and those students participating in extra-curricular activities to be sure to take advantage of these opportunities.

- We will still have masks available to anyone wanting one.
- We will still participate in daily and weekly reporting of positive cases so that parents and staff know current conditions in their schools.
- We will continue to consult as needed with the CCHD about special cases and any concerning trends in classrooms or schools.

With this transition, it is more important than ever before to monitor symptoms daily and not come to work or school if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

**If a student or staff member does test positive, regardless of masking or vaccination, they should stay home for at least five days and isolate from others.** Day 0 is the first day of symptoms or positive test if asymptomatic. They may return on day 6 if symptoms are improving and they've been fever free for 24 hours without use of fever reducing medication. It is then recommended to

mask for days 6-10. Anyone with exposures to a positive case should monitor for symptoms and stay home if symptoms develop.

Daily: Guardians can find daily school-specific COVID-19 updates at <https://claycountyschools.org> under the COVID-19 Updates tab.

Weekly: All Clay County schools are now directly reporting positive cases to a new WV DHHR tracking survey which appears here, <https://wvde.us/covid19/school-covid-dashboard/>. This is where you will find the most robust information regarding school cases from the week before.

As always, we will continue to monitor cases and provide mask guidance through the coming weeks and months.