

PAULDING EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOLS

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Dear Parent/Guardian and Staff:

I want to provide an update regarding the health and safety of our schools as it relates to COVID-19.

At the close of school yesterday, Paulding Exempted Village Schools had 20 student and 5 staff positive cases of COVID-19, and 127 students are being quarantined. 45 of those who have been quarantined are attributed to being close contacts in the classroom because the students are not wearing masks or have not been vaccinated.

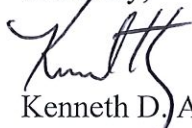
In our 2021-2022 Opening Plan, we assured you that we would do everything possible to decrease the risks associated with contracting COVID-19, as well as any other virus, illness, or disease. At this point, we must respond to the data presented to us and recognize the impact it is having on the students, staff, and families.

Universal masking and/or vaccines will prevent students from having to quarantine when exposure to a COVID case happens in the school setting. This will allow more of our students and staff to stay in school and to participate in extra-curricular activities as long as they exhibit no symptoms.

In consultation with local and state health officials, Paulding Exempted Village Schools will be requiring all K-12 students and staff to wear masks inside the school building (and on busses), effective Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

This is a temporary requirement. It is not permanent. We will continue to monitor our data daily and will revisit our mask requirement at the end of September.

Sincerely,



Kenneth D. Amstutz
Superintendent