



Washtenaw County
Health Department

What families can do to minimize COVID-19 risk for their children in school:

1) Get everyone 12 and older in your family vaccinated.

Vaccination is the safest way to build immunity to COVID-19. Children who cannot yet be vaccinated whose household members are vaccinated are less likely to be exposed to COVID-19 at home.

2) When vaccines are authorized for kids under 12, get them vaccinated.

3) Everyone over 2 should wear a mask while at school.

Masks are required for those riding school buses (both public and private). The Washtenaw County Health Department (WCHD) supports the MDHHS and CDC recommendation for universal masking in K-12 schools. This is particularly important with the more transmissible Delta variant present in our communities. Please discuss and reinforce the importance of wearing a mask with your child.

4) Teach and reinforce handwashing with your kids.

5) Keep kids home from school if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.

Get children tested for COVID-19 if they have symptoms or were exposed to someone with COVID-19. Individuals exposed to COVID-19 should be tested 3-5 days after exposure (regardless of their vaccination status). If your child is exposed to someone with COVID-19 and WCHD recommends that they quarantine, keep them home and away from others as much as possible.

6) Answer the phone if you're contacted by the Health Department.

It's critical that we gather information from you about your child's exposure or exposures to help protect others

7) Know that using masks and being vaccinated will reduce the likelihood that your child will need to quarantine.

8) If community transmission of COVID-19 is substantial or high, avoid crowds and indoor events.

This includes things like movie theaters, concerts, etc. Wear masks when indoors, regardless of vaccination status, when community transmission of COVID-19 is substantial or high.

9) Participate in the preventive measures enacted by your school.

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