

Supplemental Medical Information Supporting COVID-19 Prevention of Transmission

Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

- Students benefit from in-person learning, and safely returning to in-person instruction in the fall 2021 is a priority.
- Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to end the COVID-19 pandemic. Promoting vaccination can help schools safely return to in-person learning as well as extracurricular activities and sports.
- Screening testing, ventilation, handwashing and respiratory etiquette, staying home when sick and getting tested, contact tracing in combination with quarantine and isolation, and cleaning and disinfection are also important layers of prevention to keep schools safe.
- Students, teachers, and staff should stay home when they have signs of any infectious illness and be referred to their healthcare provider for testing and care.
- Many schools serve children under the age of 12 who are not eligible for vaccination at this time. Therefore, this guidance emphasizes implementing layered prevention strategies (e.g., using multiple prevention strategies together consistently) to protect people, including students, teachers, staff, and other members of their households.
- COVID-19 prevention strategies remain critical to protect people, including students, teachers, and staff, who are not fully vaccinated, especially in areas of moderate-to-high community transmission levels.
- Localities should monitor community transmission, vaccination coverage, screening testing, and occurrence of outbreaks to guide decisions on the level of layered prevention strategies (e.g., physical distancing, screening testing)

American Academy of Pediatrics

- All eligible individuals should receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - It may become necessary for schools to collect COVID-19 vaccine information of staff and students and for schools to require COVID-19 vaccination for in-person learning.
 - Adequate and timely COVID-19 vaccination resources for the whole school community must be available and accessible.
- All students older than 2 years and all school staff should wear face masks at school (unless medical or developmental conditions prohibit use).
 - The AAP recommends universal masking in school at this time for the following reasons:
 - a significant portion of the student population is not eligible for vaccination

Florida Medical Association

Resolved that the FMA publish a statement upon the conclusion of the 2021 Annual Meeting recommending that all health care practitioners and medical support staff receive the COVID-19 vaccine and utilize harm reduction techniques, such as the wearing of masks, for the safety, protection, and well-being of our communities

American Medical Association

Public masking during the COVID-19 pandemic is one of the most effective measures we can take to contain the spread of the virus. The American Medical Association strongly advocates for coronavirus masking in public spaces.

** Additional directives/guidance may be available from these organizations and other scientific/medical institutions. Please check their respective websites for additional guidance and the most up-to-date information.*