



# Jackson Local Schools

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**Dear parents, guardians, and caregivers,**

The Jackson Local School District is committed to keeping our families and stakeholders informed on COVID-19 protocols for the 2021-2022 school year in a timely manner. We are updating you on changes to guidance we have received.

First, the Jackson Local School District continues to follow CDC guidance and **we recommend individuals** wear a face mask in school. However, we recognize this is a family's option regarding face masks. Face masks **are REQUIRED** on school transportation, per a CDC order, further reinforced by an opinion from the Stark County Prosecutor's Office.

**Previously the Ohio Department of Health did not include** rapid COVID-19 tests as part of its diagnosis protocol. **Proctored rapid tests**, PCR, and antigen tests are included as approved diagnostic COVID-19 tests.

The Jackson Local School District will continue to issue shared space notifications to parents/guardians of students who might have shared a space with a COVID-19 positive individual. The District will maintain a [dashboard](#) of active cases in our buildings and it will serve as a building notification of positive cases.

The Stark County Health Department is the public health agency that oversees the Jackson Local School District. The Stark County Health Department is the only entity that can issue isolation and quarantine orders to individuals. This is covered in two areas of Ohio Revised Code, which can be referenced [here](#) and [here](#). Please see our [COVID-19 Quarantine Flowchart and FAQs](#) for more information. Please download the above PDF in order for question hyperlinks to be active.

Finally, as a reminder we ask that we all exercise patience as school transportation during the first couple of weeks will be slower than normal. Parents of students at Jackson Memorial Middle School are reminded to [review traffic flow](#), and to remember that area is our most congested. We look forward to a great school year. Go Bears!

Sincerely,

**Superintendent, Jackson Local School District**