

K-12 COVID-19 Requirements for Summer 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year

Summary of July 28, 2021 Changes

- Updates in this version reflect recently released CDC recommendations and seek to achieve two primary goals:
 - Minimize transmission of COVID-19 among students and staff in K-12 schools and to their families and broader community.
 - Maximize in-person instruction.
- Vaccination and face coverings/masks are the most effective tools to prevent transmission of COVID-19.
- All staff and students must continue to wear face coverings/masks, regardless of vaccination status.
- Physical distancing requirements have been updated to support provision of full time in-person instruction.
- Information on how schools should “layer” mitigation strategies for the best outcome is provided.
- Quarantine protocols have been updated to reduce student exclusions from instruction.
- Expanded information on diagnostic and screening testing is provided.
- Updated links to relevant L&I orders are provided.
- General alignment updates to COVID-19 language are made.
- Extra- and Co-Curricular requirements will be published in early August.

Summary of July 6, 2021 Changes

- Changes to this version were technical revisions to align with the amended [Secretary of Health’s Mask Order](#) and amended [Governor’s Proclamation 20-25](#) clarifying that face coverings/masks are not required outdoors.

NOTICE

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) recognizes the need for advance planning as the science of COVID-19 evolves. The trajectory of disease prevalence in our state and nation may require changes in our state’s response efforts, and DOH will periodically update this document to reflect currently accepted safety requirements. Further, we will continue to work with the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) to ensure districts, schools, and families have timely access to updated K-12 School 2021-2022 requirements. We expect the next update to be in late October.