

Putnam County Health Department & Putnam County Schools



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Putnam County Health Department and Putnam County Schools Joint Agreement:

In an effort to keep students in school and continue participation in extracurricular activities, and following information that shows that masking has reduced the spread of COVID-19 among students, the Ohio Department of Health has issued modified quarantine guidelines, thus giving parents a choice in the quarantine of their child. The Putnam County Health Department and Putnam County Schools will adopt these modified quarantine guidelines and will follow the protocols listed below for K-12 close contact students.

School Attendance

For students who are named as **school contacts** to a COVID-19 positive individual these are the following options and/or circumstances:

1. The student may attend school during the entirety of the 14-day quarantine if he/she wears a mask correctly and consistently.
2. The student may choose to quarantine at home as outlined previously:
 - a. Quarantine at home for 10 days since last contact and then return to school on days 11 through 14 wearing a mask.
 - b. Quarantine student at home, have student tested for COVID-19 on day 5-7 of quarantine. If negative, the student may return to school on day 8.

Extra-curricular Activities

For students who are named as **school contacts** to a COVID-19 positive individual these are the following options and/or circumstances:

1. If a student is involved in extracurricular activities, he or she may continue to participate provided he or she tests negative for COVID-19 **immediately following notification of exposure**. *Masking is encouraged on days 0-7 as feasible or as much as possible*
2. Have student tested for COVID-19 **a second time** on day 5-7. If negative, the student may continue extracurricular activities. *Masking is encouraged on days 8-14 as feasible or as much as possible*
3. If the student is not tested, he or she may resume extracurricular activities after day 10. *Masking is encouraged on days 11-14 as feasible or as much as possible.*

Please Note: The tests referenced above are SARS-CoV-2 viral (PCR or antigen) tests. They should be proctored/observed by someone and cannot be an over the counter, at home test that was self-administered without a proctor.

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SCHOOLS

Columbus Grove

Continental

Fort Jennings

Kalida

Leipsic

Miller City –
New Cleveland

Ottawa-Glandorf

Ottoville

Pandora-Gilboa

Putnam County ESC

St. Anthony's

St. Mary's

Sts. Peter & Paul



**If the student named as a contact has been vaccinated or wore a mask during their contact with the positive student, the student will not have to quarantine or miss extracurricular activities, but according to CDC guidelines must wear a mask and monitor for symptoms.*