

Allen East Local Schools

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With the elevated COVID cases in Allen County and a rise in cases at Allen East, new protocols will be put in place to help mitigate the spread of COVID in the school. As of Thursday, September 16, 2021, the following COVID protocols will be implemented:

1. Students and staff are highly encouraged, but not mandated, to wear face coverings at school.
2. Students will be required to wear a face covering on all buses.
3. Students will be placed in cohort groups as they were last year to help stop the spread and allow for contact tracing.
4. Seating charts will be mandated for all classroom settings, lunch tables, and on buses.
5. Outside visitors and groups will be limited to essential activities only.
6. Field trips will be postponed until further notice.
7. When students arrive in the morning, they can grab breakfast from the cafeteria and will report immediately to their first period class. Students who are not eating breakfast will report immediately to their first period class. Doors to the school do not open until 7:45 a.m. with school starting at 8:20 a.m.
8. Cleaning/sanitizing protocols will remain in place. Students need to wash/sanitize their hands frequently.
9. Do NOT send a child to school who is sick. If your child has a temperature of 100.5 degrees or higher, they must stay home until the fever is gone without medication for 24 hours. Allen East students are experiencing an increase in sore throats, stomach, and digestive symptoms. The COVID-19 Delta variant is mimicking the symptoms of the common cold.

Allen East appreciates your patience during this time. This is the third academic year that we have had to modify our school protocols because of the pandemic and we are just as frustrated as you. The goal is to maintain in-person education and keep the staff and students safe as we continue throughout the year.

We will keep the above protocols in place until Friday, October 15, 2021. As of that date we will reevaluate the situation and decide how to proceed. If you have medical questions, please contact our school nurse, Mr. David Pryer, at 419-648-3333 extension 1503. For school protocol questions, please contact Mr. Mel Rentschler, Superintendent, at 419-648-3333 extension 1001.