



**HARDIN COUNTY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #1
COVID-19 LAYERED MITIGATION MEASURES AND
INSTRUCTIONAL CONTINUITY LEARNING PLAN**

Hardin County CUSD #1 has updated its COVID mitigation measures and instructional continuity learning plan using the updated guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE) and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Operational Guidance for K-12 Schools and Early Care and Education Programs to Support Safe In-Person Learning and related CDC FAQ (updated as of May 27, 2022).

This updated plan supersedes all prior COVID-19 plans adopted by Hardin County CUSD #1. The district will continue to collaborate with the Southern Seven Health Department to address all infectious disease cases among students and staff.

On February 25, 2022, the CDC released a [new framework](#) to monitor the level of COVID-19 in communities that includes hospitalizations, hospital capacity, and cases, which is currently in use.

COVID-19 Community Level	Prevention Strategy for Masking	Prevention Strategy for Testing
Low	Support those who choose to continue to mask.	Information and/or assistance provided to aid with access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed.
Medium	Persons who are immunocompromised, at high risk for severe disease or have household or social contacts at high risk for severe disease, are encouraged to talk to their	Information and/or assistance provided to aid with access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed.

	healthcare providers about whether they need to wear a mask.	
High	Universal masking indoors in public, regardless of vaccination status is encouraged but not required. Persons who are immunocompromised are encouraged to wear a mask or respiratory that provides greater protection.	Information and/or assistance provided to aid with access to diagnostic testing for symptomatic persons and those exposed.

Masks continue to be federally required in healthcare settings and for healthcare personnel, including school nurse offices.

The Hardin County Community Unit School District #1 is taking the following actions to help prevent the spread of infectious disease, including the virus that causes COVID-19:

- Promote staying up to date with all routine vaccinations.
- Encourage students and staff to stay home when sick.
- Reinforce proper hand hygiene and respiratory etiquette.
- Utilize proper cleaning and disinfection procedures.

COVID-19 Diagnostic Test Positive

Individuals testing positive for COVID-19 shall isolate at home for at least five (5) calendar days from the onset of symptoms; return after the five calendars days AND if 24 hours with no fever (without fever-reducing medication), diarrhea and vomiting ceased for 24 hours AND improvement of symptoms. Upon return consistent masking through day 10 is strongly encouraged. The local health department may supply dates as to when a student or staff member can return to school; however, a letter from the local health department releasing the student or staff member from isolation or quarantine is not required.

Remote Learning

Schools must continue to provide remote learning to any student who is under isolation or quarantine for COVID-19 based on the State Superintendent’s Remote Learning Declaration. Vaccination is currently the leading public health prevention strategy to prevent adverse outcomes related to COVID-19.