



**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.  
**Tuscarawas County  
Health Department**

## **Tuscarawas County School Setting Quarantine Change Effective October 18, 2021**

The Tuscarawas County Health Department understands and supports the need to keep our children in the classroom. Further, we appreciate and value the benefit of extracurricular activities. Therefore, effective, October 18, 2021, if a child experiences an exposure outside of their place of residence, meaning that they are not residing with a person who is currently positive for COVID-19, they may now remain in the classroom setting during the quarantine period at the discretion of the school district and the request of the parent or guardian. This is regardless of vaccination status. However, to be permitted to attend classes during the quarantine period, the student **must wear a facial covering for a full 14 days following the exposure and remain symptom free.**


Students cannot participate in extra-curricular activities during this time. However, if the school district determines it would be beneficial for the student to attend extra-curricular activities, they may do so while wearing a mask and observing at a safe distance from others.



**When outside of these monitored settings, the student must continue to follow the quarantine recommendations from the Tuscarawas County Health Department.**



These changes currently impact only those districts which are physically located in the Tuscarawas County Health Department's jurisdiction. Those districts located inside the city limits of New Philadelphia are under the jurisdiction of the New Philadelphia City Health Department.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department will continue to closely monitor the COVID-19 data trends and reserves the right to amend these quarantine recommendations at any point in the future as allowed under Ohio Revised Code 3707.16.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department continues to encourage all eligible persons to get the COVID-19 vaccine. This includes teachers, staff, and students. Vaccinations prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death from COVID-19.

 897 E. Iron Ave.  
Dover, OH 44622

 (330) 343-5555  
 (330) 343-1601

 [www.tchdnow.org](http://www.tchdnow.org)  
 [director@tchdnow.org](mailto:director@tchdnow.org)



Further, the Tuscarawas County Health Department continues to promote the use of facial coverings regardless of vaccination status when there is high community transmission. Persons who are symptomatic with COVID-19 like symptoms, which include fever, cough, runny nose, sore throat, fatigue, muscle aches, and loss of sense of smell or taste, and/or nausea and diarrhea should stay home and get tested as soon as possible.

As a reminder, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health recommend the following options for duration of quarantine for those persons in contact with a COVID-19 positive case:

- A **14-day quarantine period** is recommended especially for people who live, work in, or visit:
  - Congregate living facilities such as nursing homes
  - High density workplaces
  - Other settings where potential extensive transmission, such as healthcare, schools, etc., or contact with people at risk for severe illness from COVID-19 is possible
- A **10-day option**: Quarantine may end after 10 days from the last date of exposure if the person has no COVID-19 like symptoms.
- **7-day option**: Quarantine may end after 7 days from the last date of exposure if the persons has a negative COVID-19 viral test result. The test must be taken from at least 5 days after the last date of exposure to end quarantine.

If you develop symptoms at any point in the 14 days following a known exposure you should isolate at home, contact your healthcare provider, and consider getting tested.

Adults should contact their employers after a known exposure to determine their workplace policy on quarantine.