

District 90 COVID-19 FACE MASK TIERS

Derived from CDC Guidance Issued 2/25/22

District 90 schools will utilize the following elements to determine masking protocols, pursuant to its local authority and responsibility to protect the health and safety of individuals within the school community and in consideration of state and local health guidance. As that guidance is amended, District 90 may adjust these protocols.

The Community Levels and Indicators metrics issued by the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) on February 25, 2022 provides the foundation for decisions related to school face mask requirements (please see CDC matrix below). In addition, the District will utilize the following constellation of metrics to further assess classroom, school or school district risk and inform decision making. A combination of these metrics existing at high levels may result in the reinstatement of mask protocols, determined in consultation with the Cook County Department of Public Health (CCDPH):

- Number and distribution of active COVID-19 cases in the school community
- Number and distribution of active COVID-19 cases in the county or local community (60305)
- Number and distribution of classroom or grade-level COVID-19 outbreaks
- Student/staff vaccination rates

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<i>CDC Community Level</i>	<i>D90 Masking Status</i>	<i>CDC Recommended Actions for Individuals</i>
LOW	<i>Mask Optional</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stay up to date with vaccines - Get tested if symptomatic
MEDIUM	<i>Mask Optional</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talk to healthcare provider if high risk - Stay up to date with vaccines - Get tested if symptomatic
HIGH	<i>Masks Strongly Encouraged*</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Wear a mask indoors, including school - Stay up to date with vaccines - Get tested if symptomatic - Possible extra precautions for high risk

** Indoor mass events may require masking, depending on rates of community transmission*

Reference: CDC's COVID-19 Community Levels and Indicators (County Level)

New Cases <small>(per 100,000 population in the last 7 days)</small>	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	<10.0	10.0-19.9	≥20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	<10.0%	10.0-14.9%	≥15.0%
200 or more	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	NA	<10.0	≥10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	NA	<10.0%	≥10.0%

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the inpatient beds and new admissions indicators, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days