

Student Support Services

COVID-19 Health Guidance Updates

Warren County Board of Education Meeting
August 10, 2021




Must maintain balance between our top priorities

Priority 1

Open and operate schools safely during daily in-person instruction

Priority 2

Keep students and staff healthy by minimizing exposures and quarantines



Presentation Aims

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Guidance

NCDHHS and CDC health
guidance updates

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Key Numbers

Current Warren County vaccination
and COVID-19 data

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Professional Insights

Shared insights from Warren
County Health Department and
ABC Collaborative

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Informed Action

Board action on staff
recommendation for PK-12 face
covering requirement

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Guidance

- **NCDHHS guidance only says what health measures school systems SHOULD or COULD follow.**
- **NCDHHS no longer provides explicit statewide requirements**
- **COVID-19 transmission and variant trends**

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Warren County Key Numbers

9,232 (47%)

Citizens who have received at
least one shot

8,665 (44%)

Citizens who are fully
vaccinated

12

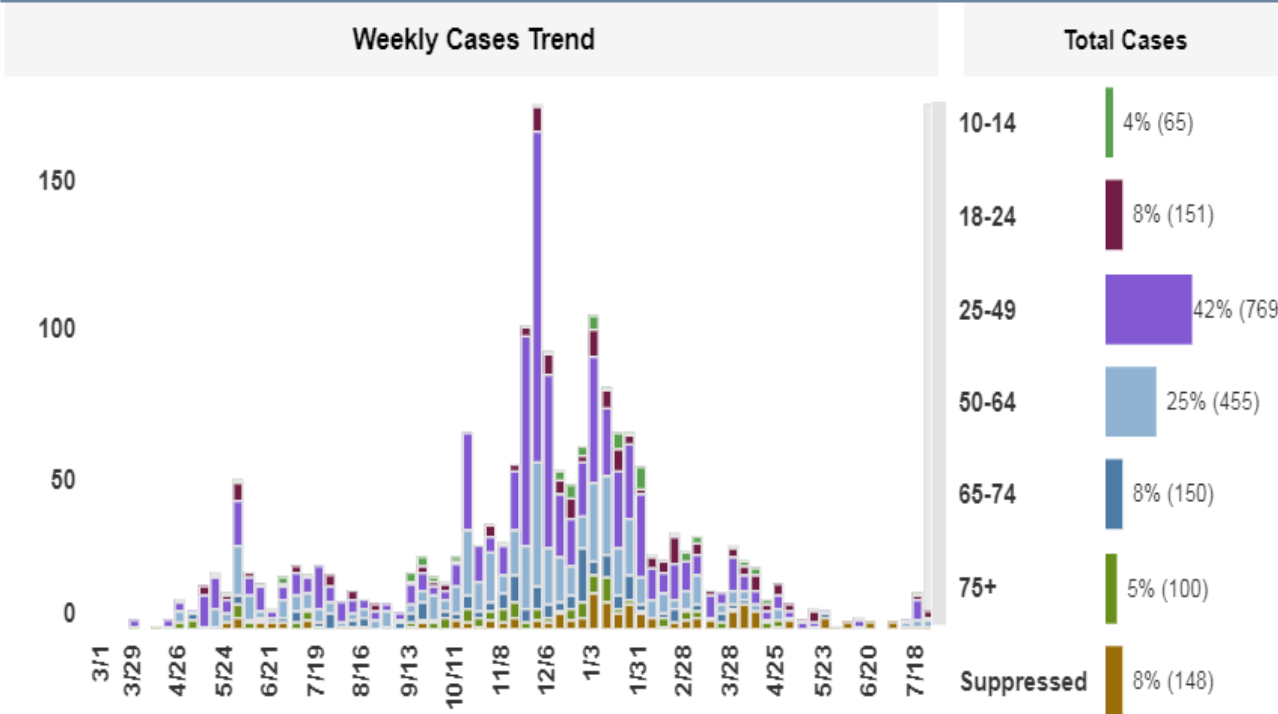
Active cases as of
8/4/2021

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- Hospitalizations
- Childcare or school clusters

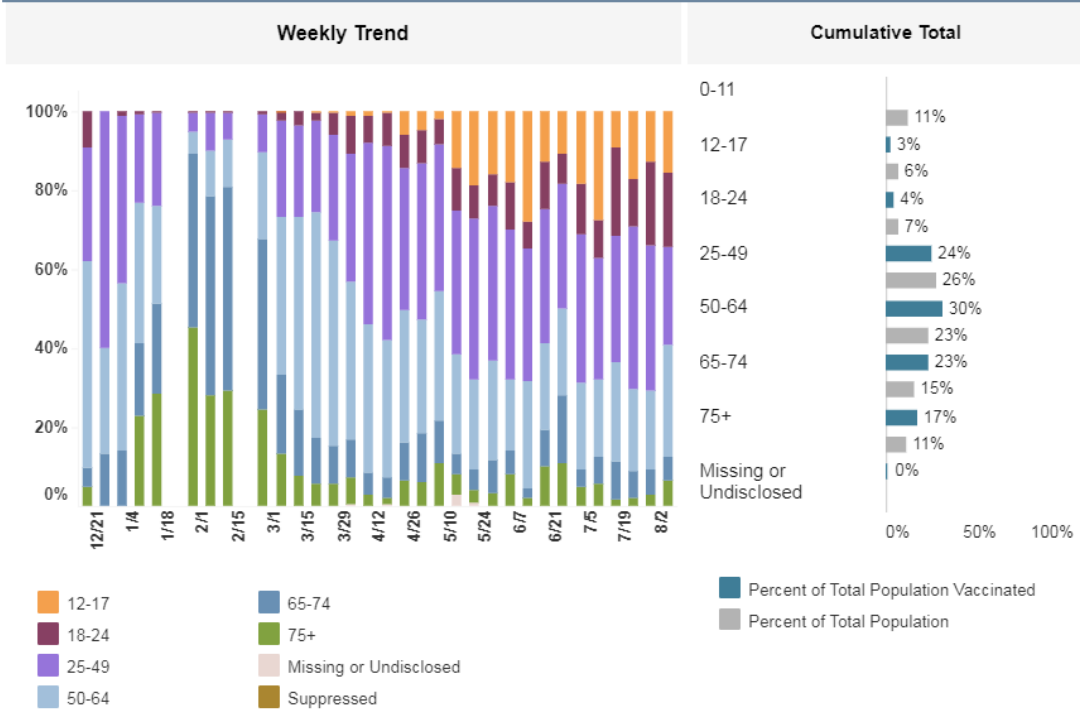
Warren County Case Rates by Age

Cases by Age for Warren County



Warren County Vaccination Rates by Age

Percent of People Vaccinated with at Least One Dose by Age - Warren County



- Vaccines are currently available for students 12 and up
- 3% of ages 12-17 (243 children) received at least one dose of the vaccine as of August 2, 2021
- Benchmark: 70-90% of school age population vaccinated to revisit face covering requirement

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Professional Insights

Delta Variant Transmission

- Delta variant is *more* transmissible than:
MERS & SARS
Ebola
Common Cold
Seasonal Flu
Smallpox
- Delta variant is as transmissible as:
Chicken Pox

Professional Insights Continued

Extra-Curricular Activities (Middle and High School)

- COVID transmission is higher for extracurricular activities than classroom activities
- 50-75% of school transmission in high school is during athletics
- NC required masking during athletics in 2020-21
- Some states required twice weekly testing in 2020-21

ABC Suggestions:

- All students mask at all times indoors
- All students in extra-curricular activities mask at all times outdoors unless vaccinated
- Unvaccinated participants in extra-curricular activities required to have weekly COVID tests if proof of vaccination is not provided
- Testing will be facilitated during school and results are confidential

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Recommendation

Face Covering Required for everyone PK-12 (staff and students)

- Most protective
- Minimizes quarantines (missed school days)
- Aligns with two top priorities
 - Keep schools open for all daily in-person students
 - Keep students and staff healthy by minimizing exposures and quarantines

Ongoing Vigilance

- Continue consultations with Warren County Health Department and ABC Science Collaborative
- Monitoring metrics regularly to assess face covering guidance requirement

Questions and Discussion

