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MEMO

To: Erie County School Administrators
From: Peter T. Schade – Erie County Health Commissioner
CC: Erie County Board of Health
Date: October 15, 2020
Re: Week 7 COVID-19 Update for School Administrators

The number of confirmed novel Coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) cases reported in Ohio has risen sharply during the past week. Ohio reported over 2,100 new confirmed COVID-19 cases today, a record high since the beginning of the pandemic. Erie County remains at a Level 2 (Orange) alert under the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, which indicates increased exposure and spread. Individuals should exercise a high degree of caution and follow all current health orders.

Please see the attached School Surveillance Dashboard outlining data pertaining to Erie County school districts. The Erie County Board of Health requests school administrators take the following preventive measures when opening schools for in-person learning:

- Require the use of face masks for all students and staff, except where exemptions apply.
- Practice appropriate handwashing.
- Clean and sanitize frequently touched surfaces regularly.
- Enforce social distancing of at least six feet.
- Monitor the health of all students and staff, and immediately exclude those with symptoms of COVID-19.

The Erie County Board of Health will continue to issue a Weekly COVID Report every Thursday. For the most up-to-date local data, visit [CovidErieOhio.com](https://www.coviderieohio.com).

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