



**Erie County Health Department**  
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**Peter T. Schade, MPH, RS**  
*Health Commissioner*



**MEMO**

To: Erie County School Administrators  
From: Peter T. Schade – Erie County Health Commissioner  
CC: Erie County Board of Health  
Date: September 10, 2020  
Re: Week 2 Update - Indicators Used to Determine Recommendation for Return to In-Person Classes

The Erie County Health Department is working with all local school districts to implement an absentee reporting system which will facilitate the reporting of school absentee rates to our agency. This absentee reporting system will meet the reporting requirements for schools outlined in the most recent Director's Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Schools.

**The following table outlines the number of confirmed cases, probable cases and close contacts in quarantine identified in Erie County school systems since 8/26/2020:**

School District	Confirmed Cases (Student)	Confirmed Cases (Staff)	Probable Cases (Student)	Probable Cases (Staff)	Contacts to Confirmed Cases (Students & Staff)
Edison Local Schools	2		1		
Huron City Schools					5
Perkins Local Schools		1	1	2	3
Sandusky City Schools					4
Sandusky Central Catholic					2
Townsend Community School					1

\*School Systems not represented on this table have not had a confirmed case, probable case, or close contact placed on quarantine associated with their school since 8/26/2020.

**The Erie County Health Department will recommend Erie County school districts return to in-person classes when all of the following criteria are met:**

- New cases per capita are fewer than 50 cases per 100,000 residents for at least 28 days.
- The proportion of cases that are not in a congregate setting is less than 50% for at least 28 days.
- Healthcare seeking behavior does not experience a sustained increase for at least 28 days.

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Schools in which the Erie County Health Department provides school nursing services have the ability to conduct PCR testing on symptomatic students (with permission from parents) or staff as a means of streamlining the testing process for families, rapidly identifying positive cases to mitigate continued community spread and returning uninfected students/staff to class in a timely manner. Schools where nursing services are not provided by the Erie County Health Department may contact the Erie County Community Health Center to schedule a same day appointment for PCR testing of symptomatic students or staff.

The Health Commissioner receives a report of the listed indicators from the Ohio Department of Health every Thursday and a weekly report will be issued to school administrators each week. This memo, and the attached report, represent week 2 of the 28-day monitoring period beginning on August 26th.

**In the coming week, the Erie County Health Department will be rolling out a COVID-19 School Surveillance Dashboard. We will alert all Erie County School Administrators when the dashboard is live.**

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