

# SANDY VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

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February 1st, 2022

Dear Sandy Valley Local School Community,

On January 26th, the [Ohio Department of Health \(ODH\) released a letter to the local health departments and to all school districts](#). The letter included new contact tracing and case investigation guidance for K-12 schools. Here are protocol adjustments from the Ohio Health Department's most recent guidance:

Sandy Valley will no longer be responsible for universal contact tracing within the school; however, we will continue to assist local health departments with case investigation and exposure notification related to outbreaks or clusters in the school setting.

Sandy Valley will continue to follow the "Mask to Stay, Test to Play" guidance.

Close contact, school and shared space notifications will no longer be required.

Close contact students and staff, regardless of setting, will no longer be required to quarantine.

Sandy Valley will continue to notify local health departments of positive cases on a weekly basis. Sandy Valley cases are posted [here on our district COVID-19 dashboard](#). Sandy Valley's Pandemic Response Team will still continue to meet monthly to evaluate the most recent data.

Please continue to report any positive student cases to our school nurses, Mrs. Mary Leopold at [m.leopold@svlocal.org](mailto:m.leopold@svlocal.org) or by calling 330-866-9371 ext. 1810 or Mrs. Rachel Leyda at [r.leyda@svlocal.org](mailto:r.leyda@svlocal.org) or by calling 330-866-9225 ext. 2001.

\*\*Please remember to keep your child home when they are sick and also if they have any COVID-19 symptoms.\*\* [Click here for common COVID symptoms](#).

If you have any further questions regarding COVID-19, please contact our school nurses or the building principals.

Thank you and Go Cardinals!

Sincerely,

David Fischer  
Superintendent  
Sandy Valley Local School District



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