

Policy for Mask Optional Protocols at Elgin Public Schools

The purpose of this policy is to create a risk dial we can refer to as a school/community to timely adjust our actions and policies based on positive COVID cases in the county and school to limit quarantine time of students and staff. This approach is based on caseload data to make it objective and not subject to opinion or emotion.

Risk Dial Parameters

Low Risk: **MASK OPTIONAL** (Students and staff may continue to wear them, teachers may require them in their classroom)

No positive cases in the school (students, staff, teachers) in the last 7 days AND

4 week rolling average of positive cases in Antelope County less than 20 AND

Less than 3 positive cases in households of students, teachers, staff in last 7 days

GREEN

Medium Risk: **MASK REQUIRED IN THE CLASSROOM**

Less than 3 positive cases in the school (students, staff, teachers) in the last 7 days

OR

4 week rolling average of positive cases in Antelope County reaches 20 but less than 30

OR

3-5 positive cases in households of students, teachers, staff in last 7 days

YELLOW

High Risk: **MASK REQUIRED AT ALL TIMES**

3 or more positive cases in the school (students, staff, teachers) in the last 7 days

OR

4 week rolling average of positive cases in Antelope County over 30

OR

Over 5 positive cases in households of students, teachers, staff in last 7 days

ORANGE/RED

All quarantine regulations currently in place will still apply if a positive case is found.