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COVID Update

December 7, 2021

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New Hanover County Community Metrics as provided by NHC Health and Human Services:

- case rates
- test percent positivity
- vaccination rates

“Given that our student population is largely not yet vaccinated, face coverings remain a critical tool for protecting children and keeping them safely in the classroom.”

NC DHHS FAQ 11.22.21

The NC Department of Health and Human Services and DPI

Strong Schools Toolkit

cite CDC Guidance as:

New Hanover County, North Carolina

State Health Department

7-day Metrics | 7-day Percent Change

Community Transmission — Substantial

Everyone in **New Hanover County, North Carolina** should wear a mask in public, indoor settings. Mask requirements might vary from place to place. Make sure you follow local laws, rules, regulations or guidance.

How is community transmission calculated?

	December 2, 2021
Cases	160
Case Rate per 100k	68.24
% Positivity	4.45%
Deaths	0
% of population ≥ 12 years of age fully vaccinated	64.9%
New Hospital Admissions	17

NHCS COVID Metrics trends have seen significant reductions since the 3rd week of school.

There is not yet a local update on the new variant and its implications.

Quarantine Guidance

from Strong Schools Toolkit page 15-16

"Individuals who are not fully vaccinated after a close contact in a classroom or other school setting ***if masks were being worn appropriately and consistently by both the person with COVID-19 and the potentially exposed person do NOT need to quarantine***. This is based on updated studies that have shown low risk of COVID-19 transmission in classroom settings when face masks were being used appropriately by both the person with COVID-19 and the potentially exposed person, as well as multiple layers of prevention measures in place to prevent transmission in school settings. This applies to exposures in classrooms, other in-school settings, and school transportation but does not apply to exposures during extracurricular, including athletic activities."

Ongoing Vaccine and Testing Efforts

- Vaccine Clinics (parent must consent and be present)
- WHAT Clinics