

# Mitigation Updates

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# Legal Updates - how did we get here?

Two court cases -

Austin - challenged mask requirements and close contact quarantining for asymptomatic

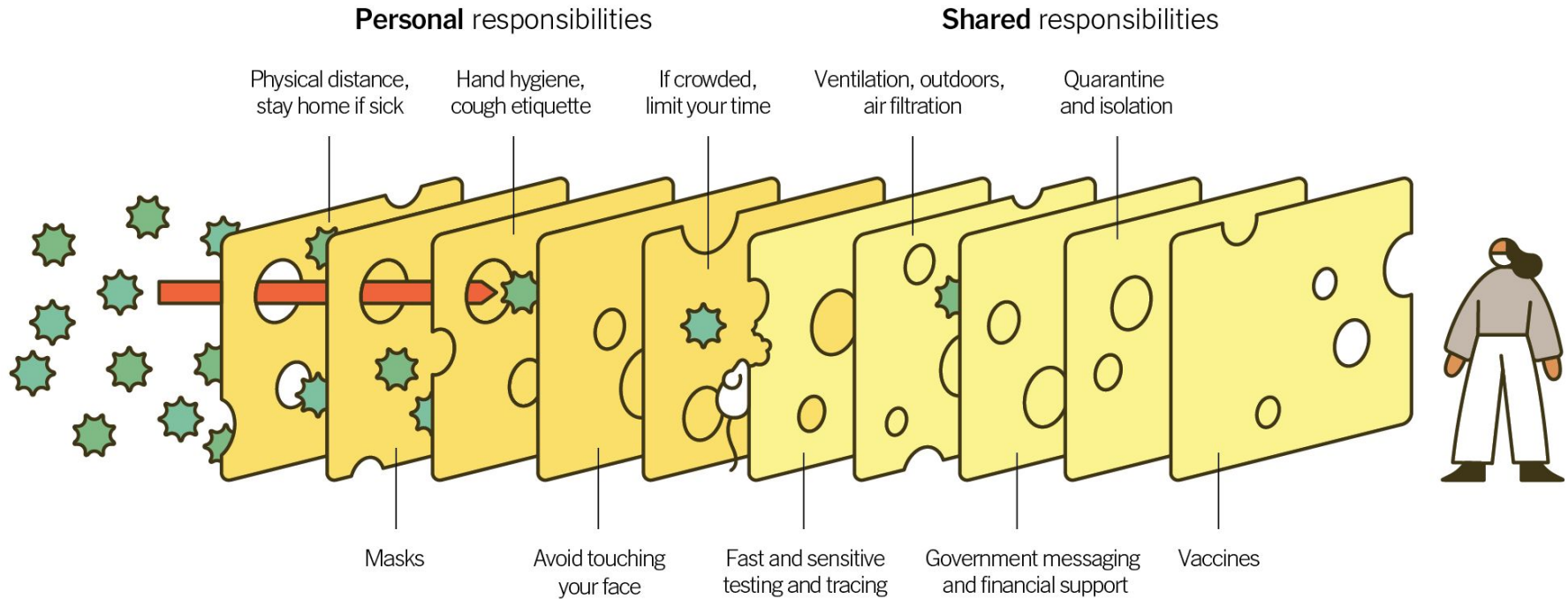
Allen - challenged vaccine requirements OR weekly testing requirements for unvaccinated staff

Last week—Attorney General filed a motion to “stay” of the TRO and appeal on Sangamon rulings.

- 2/4/22—Governor Pritzker extended the Executive Order until 3/6/22.
- 2/9/22—Governor Pritzker announced that State of Illinois will lift the indoor mask mandate on 2/28/22, with schools being excluded from this at this point.
- No further legal action at this point, including any decisions on the stay or the appeal (anticipated 2/17/22).
- Federal requirements for masks on school transportation remain in place as part of broader public transportation requirements.

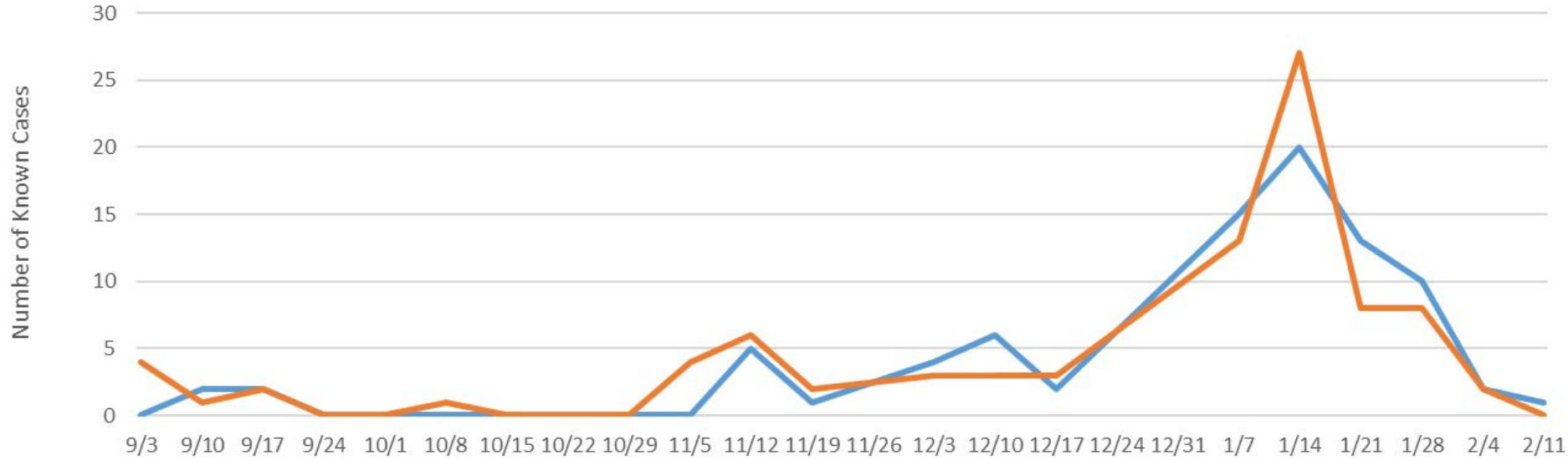
# Multiple Layers Improve Success

The Swiss Cheese Respiratory Pandemic Defense recognizes that no single intervention is perfect at preventing the spread of the coronavirus. Each intervention (layer) has holes.



Source: Adapted from Ian M. Mackay ([virologydownunder.com](http://virologydownunder.com)) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

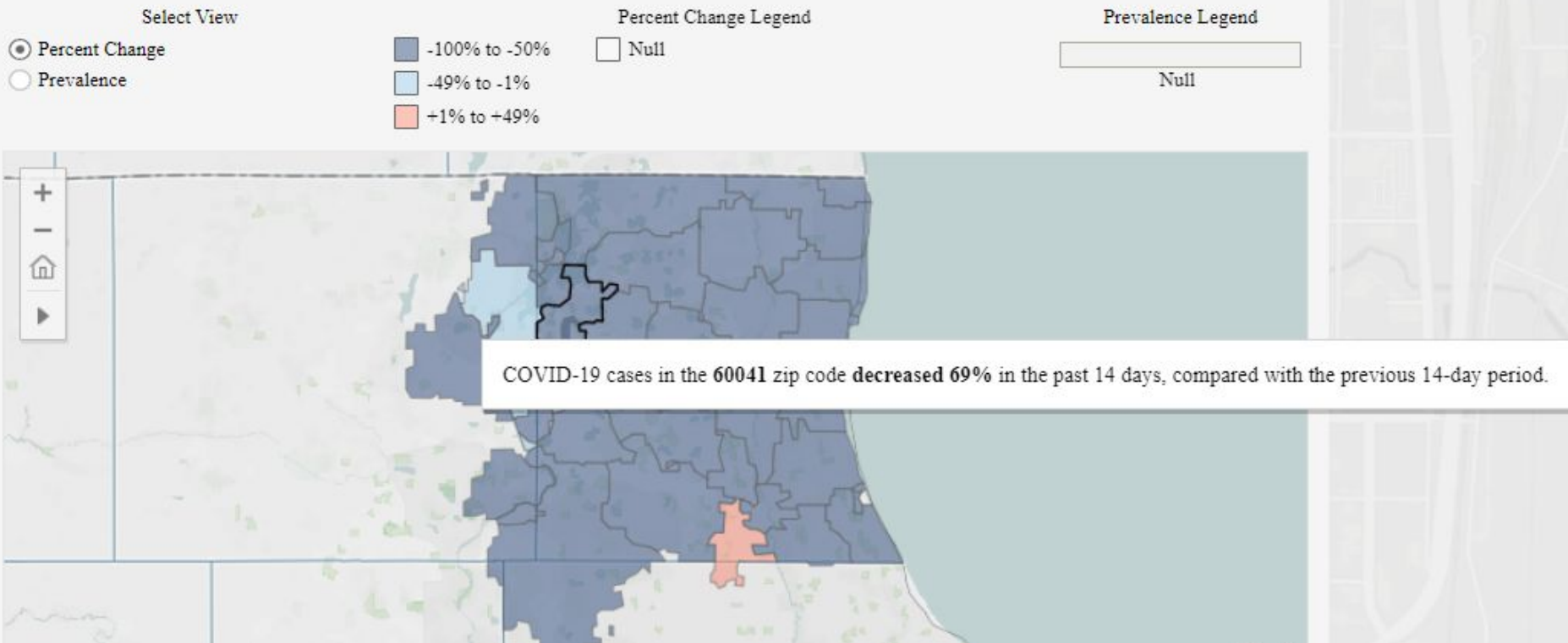
## Weekly Cases



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# COVID-19 Prevalence per 100,000 Residents and Percent Change in Zip Codes in Lake County



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## COVID-19 Incidence Rate per 100,000 in 60041 & Lake County

### 7-Day Rolling Average

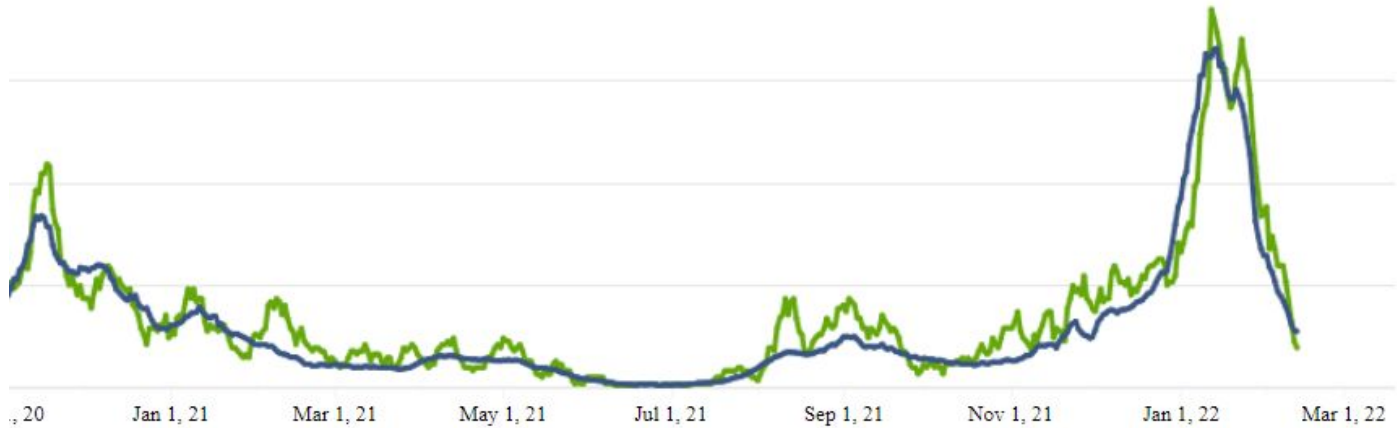
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■ Lake County

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Options	Aligned Board Action
<p>1. Shift to “masks strongly recommended but not required” in buildings, quarantining “requested but not required” for asymptomatic/COVID negative close contacts, no required weekly testing for unvaccinated staff <b>pending further legal guidance/changes to the Executive Order.</b></p>	<p><b>Resolution</b></p>
<p>2. Shift to “masks strongly recommended but not required” in buildings, quarantining “requested but not required” for asymptomatic/COVID negative close contacts, no required weekly testing for unvaccinated staff. <b>Local metrics/plan would drive any changes in mitigations.</b></p>	<p><b>Resolution</b></p>
<p>3. Remain status quo with current mitigations in place pending further legal guidance/changes to the Executive Order.</p>	<p><b>No action needed</b></p>

# Conditional Mitigation Procedures: A Guideline

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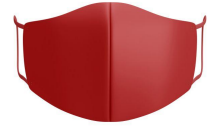




# Masking Definitions

- **Universal Masking**

All staff, students, and visitors wear masks on Gavin 37 transportation and while indoors at all times, regardless of vaccination status.



- **Situational Masking**

Masks will be worn at the following times:

- While being transported on a bus
- In hallways
- During band, choir, and physical education (when indoors)
- During instructional activities in which social distancing may not be maintained and when a large number of people are gathered in an indoor space (i.e., assemblies, performances)



- **Recommended, Not Required, Masking**

Staff, students and visitors choose to wear masks while indoors when mask requirements are lifted. There may be situations in which masking will be required due to isolated increases in cases.



# Guidelines - Phased Masking Approach

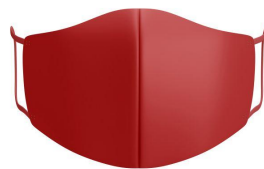
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*(percentages are guidelines for potential movement between masking expectations.)*

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- **Universal Masking**

- If Executive Order or a “stay” is in place
- Vaccination rates, Hospitalizations, or Building Transmission Rates indicate a need for a change
- Greater than 2.0% building positivity rate in a school building
- Classroom, Grade Level, Club, Sport Activity have a spike in cases and masking is necessary
- Current IDPH guidelines are in place for all students/staff who test positive with COVID-19 or are close contacts with a positive case.

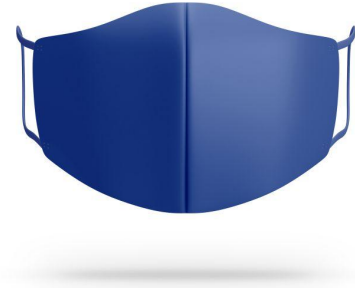


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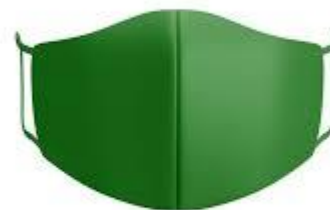
- **Situational Masking**

- From 1.25% to 2.0% building positivity rate
- Current IDPH guidelines are in place for all students/staff who test positive with COVID-19 or are close contacts with a positive case.



# Guidelines - Phased Masking Approach

- **Recommended, Not Required, Masking**
  - Building positivity rate of less than 1.25%
  - Contact tracing will be completed with quarantine recommended for close contacts.



# Example: Central (473 students)

## 10 or more average weekly cases

Universal Masking (UM)

Greater than 2% building positivity rate



## 6 - 9 - average weekly cases

Situational Masking (SM)

From 1.25% to 2.0% building positivity rate



## 0 - 5 average weekly cases

Recommended, Not Required, Masking (RM)

Less than 1.25% building positivity rate



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# Example: South (330 students)

## 7 or more average weekly cases

Universal Masking (UM)

Greater than 2% building positivity rate



## 5 - 6 average weekly cases

Situational Masking (SM)

From 1.25% to 2.0% building positivity rate



## 0 - 4 average weekly cases

Recommended, Not Required, Masking (RM)

Less than 1.25% building positivity rate



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# 5-Day Average Positive COVID-19 Cases

