

Superintendent Report

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GAVIN PUBLIC SCHOOLS DISTRICT 37



Legal Updates

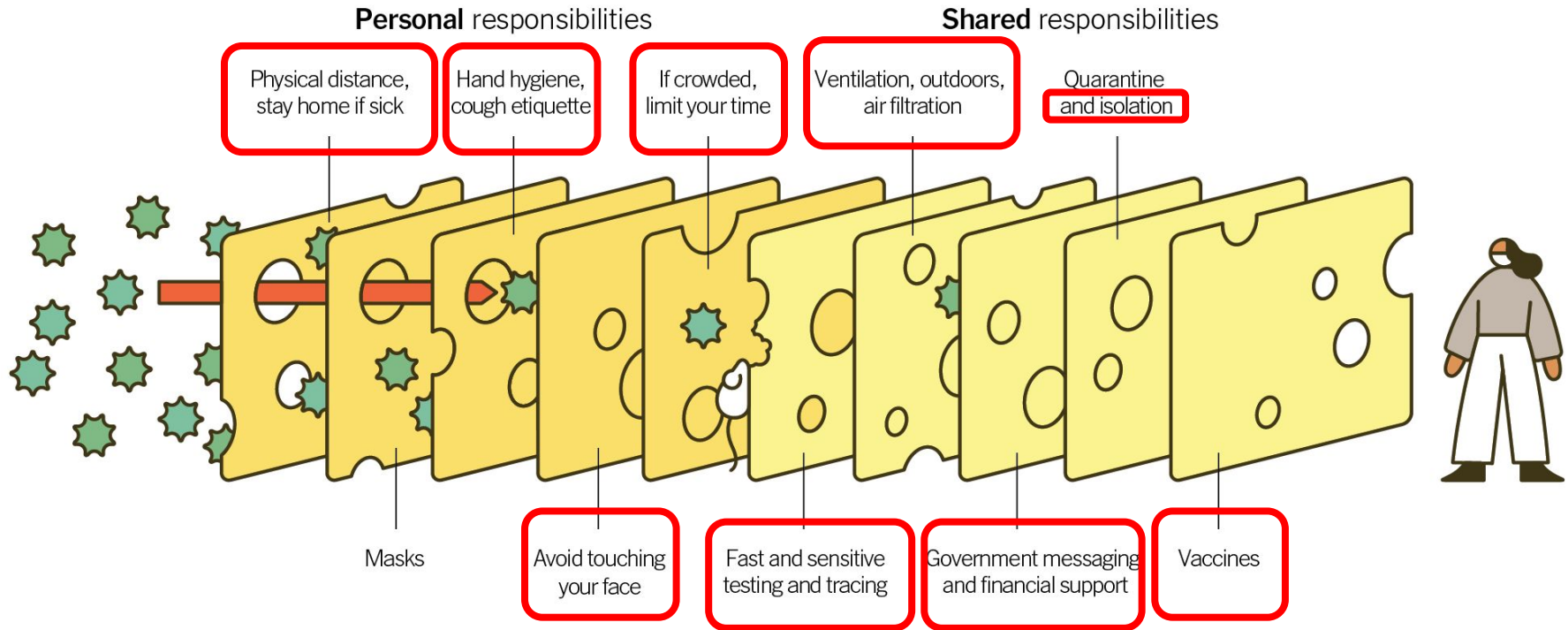
- 2/14/22–Joint Committee on Administrative Rules (JCAR) did not re-approve the IDPH rules that expired. These rules supported the Executive Order on mitigations. By not re-upping them, enforcement of the Executive Order was weakened.
- 2/17/22–The Court of Appeals ruled that, the appeal of the temporary restraining order (TRO) issued by Judge Grischow on February 4th is “moot” (meaning, the lower court’s decision was upheld)
- Although executive orders also remain in place at the moment, the State continues to be restrained from taking enforcement action against school districts about requirements for face coverings, close contact exclusions, and COVID-19 vaccination or testing.
- An appeal has been filed to the Illinois Supreme Court - likely not to be heard until next school year

Mitigation Updates

- Gavin 37 Board of Education passed a resolution to shift mitigation based on local metrics
 - 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.
- Local metrics/plan developed to drive any changes in mitigations
- ****Positive cases still require isolation and masking on days 6-10***
- ****Masks continue to be required on public transportation based on federal guidelines***

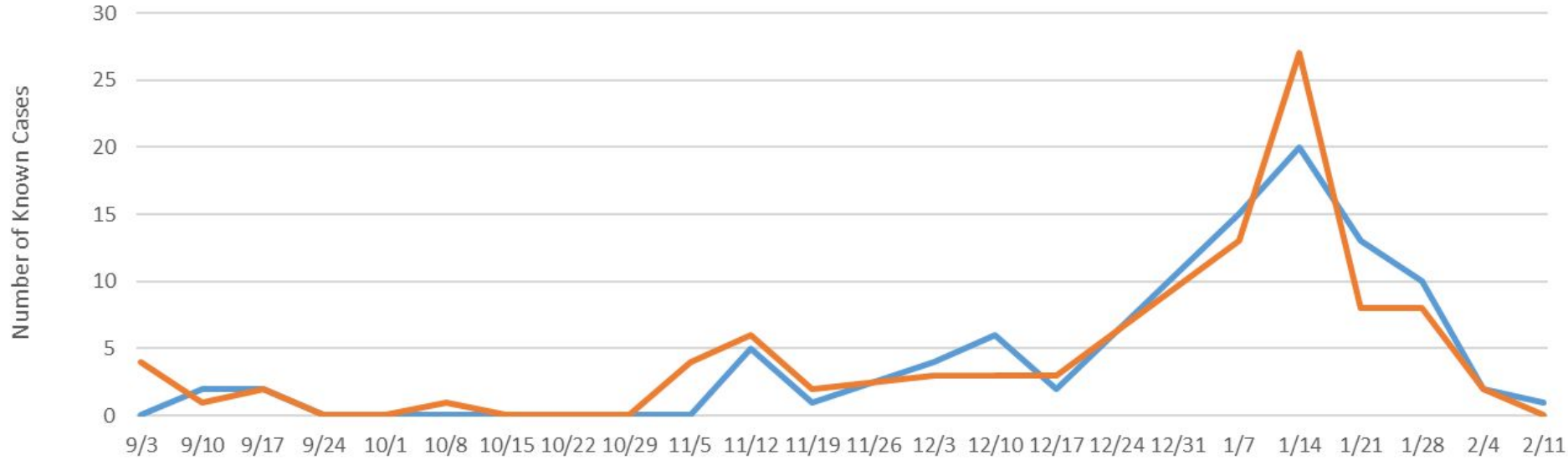
Multiple Layers Improve Success

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) and James T. Reason. Illustration by Rose Wong

Weekly Cases



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Conditional Mitigation Procedures: A Guideline

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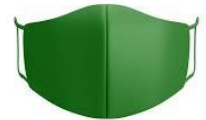
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Masking Definitions

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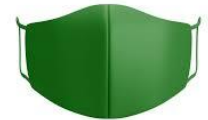
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- In hallways
- During band, choir, and physical education (when indoors)
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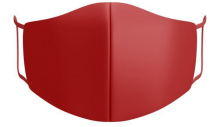
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All staff, students, and visitors wear masks on Gavin 37 transportation and while indoors at all times, regardless of vaccination status.



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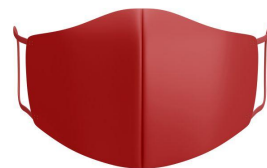
Guidelines - Phased Masking Approach

Percentages Are 5-Day Averages

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

- **Universal Masking**

- Greater than 2.0% building positivity rate
- If Executive Order or a “stay” is in place
- Vaccination rates, Hospitalizations, or Building Transmission Rates indicate a need for a change
- 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.

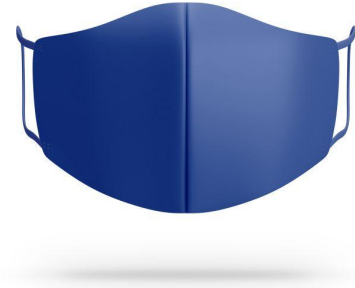


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- **Situational Masking**

- 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)

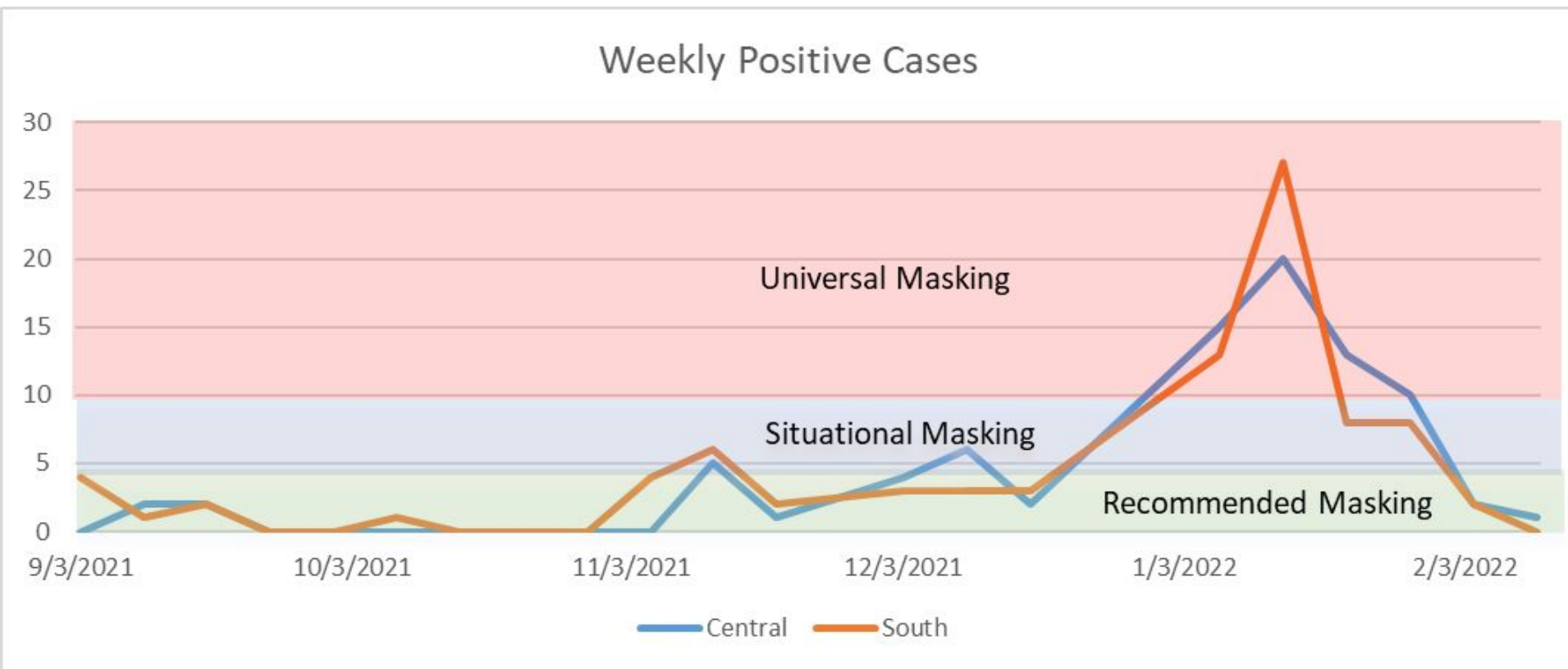
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5-Day Average Positive COVID-19 Cases





Gavin 37 Modified Mitigation Plan

February 22, 2022

Introduction

The District presents the following Modified Mitigation Plan to replace the current mitigations in District 37. The proposed plan utilizes a layered mitigation approach and is adaptable depending on the local metrics/environmental at the time. The plan provides choices as well as continued effective mitigations to keep our students, staff and visitors safe while in school.

Learning Priorities

With the changes in mitigations, the district will continue to provide a safe, caring learning environment for all students and staff. To do so, the district may need to adapt to environmental changes while maintaining the least amount of disruption to learning. Our priorities since the beginning of the 21-22 school year have been to:

- Have our students in school - with as few disruptions to learning as possible
- Create safe learning conditions
- Focus on teaching and learning
- Support learning and SEL needs of staff and students
- Communicate Clearly

Conditional Mitigation Plans

[This Conditional Mitigation Plan](#) was shared at a Special Board of Education Meeting on February 14, 2022. In it, you'll see data as of 2/14/22 and the conditional mitigation plan now in

