

Returning to School Safely

Fall 2021



Vaccinations

Masking

Layered Prevention Measures

Keep Kids Safe

Proactive COVID-19 prevention measures, even prior to readily available vaccination, were effective in allowing schools to safeguard in-person education as much as possible. In this context, schools should implement a combination of **vaccinations, universal masking** and **other layered prevention** measures including disease surveillance, home isolation of infected staff and students, quarantine of unvaccinated people exposed to an individual with COVID-19 to protect the health of students, teachers and staff, and community members at large.



Know the Facts.

- 1** Delta is 200% more transmissible and results in up to a 1000x higher viral load compared to previous variants.
- 2** On average, one person infects 6 to 10 people. This is similar to the contagiousness or transmissibility of chickenpox and higher than the transmissibility for smallpox.
- 3** Vaccinated individuals who become infected can spread the Delta variant to others.
- 4** Many children haven't had the opportunity to be protected by the COVID-19 vaccines. Currently, only those ages 12+ are eligible for the vaccine.
- 5** Only 39% of 16-to-17-year-olds and 27% of 12-to-15 year-olds are fully vaccinated in the United States. (AAP, July 20, 2021)

What the Experts Say

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** and the **American Academy of Pediatrics** strongly recommend that in order for schools to remain open, which is of critical importance to the education and well-being of children and families, public health measures must be instituted and adhered to, including universal mask wearing.

All about the Delta

New and more transmissible variants of SARS-CoV-2 virus, particularly the **Delta variant**, represent a threat for many Nebraska communities heading into the fall of 2021. The Delta variant is significantly more transmissible than previous versions of the virus causing COVID-19, and it appears to cause more severe disease, even in younger people.



No Immunity Wall for Kids

Not enough kids are protected for an effective immunity wall. Many children haven't had the opportunity to be protected by the COVID-19 vaccines. Getting shots into the arms of eligible children is essential to protecting them from this virus.

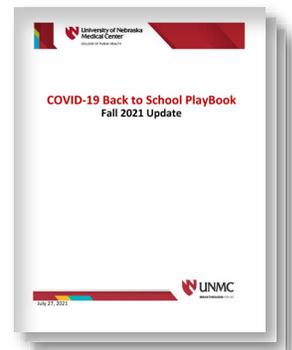


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