



## Guidance for Schools & ECE Centers

While COVID-19 is still with us, the incidence of severe disease, hospitalization and death are significantly reduced. With vaccination, population immunity and treatments in place, risks have begun to move to a much more manageable status.

Just as we have learned to live with other communicable disease, so we will with COVID-19. Schools and early care and education (ECE) programs are an important part of community infrastructure. Each facility has its own unique population and challenges. That is why current COVID guidance has been moved to the local level, as opposed to one-size-fits-all guidance. School administration and staff are best positioned to manage their school communities. As such, we are providing guidance through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) that allows each school and center to conduct learning that best suits the needs of its community.

The following guidance can help K-12 schools and ECE programs remain open. Based on the [COVID-19 Community Levels](#), this guidance provides flexibility so schools and ECE programs can adapt to changing local situations, including periods of increased community health impacts from COVID-19. Not only does this guidance apply to COVID-19, but also to many of the communicable diseases that affect schools. Please use this guidance as part of a layered strategy to prevent transmission of COVID-19 and other communicable disease.

Use the following links to access the most up to date guidance:

[Operational Guidance for K-12 and ECEs](#)

[Isolation Guidance](#)

[Exposure Guidance](#)

[Stay Up to Date with COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

As always, Hamilton County Public Health is available to help with questions, concerns and outbreak management. Please continue to use your school point of contact system to reach us.