

**ISOA Executive Board Meeting
August 11, 2021
Minutes**

Present

Dansville	Mike Kapp	Stockbridge	Keven Numinen
East Lansing	Monica Fink	Waverly	Mary Ann Martin
Haslett	Cammy Wheeler	Webberville	Amy Coe
Holt	Rob Halgren	Williamston	Jeff West
Ingham ISD	John Wolenberg	Williamston	Nancy Deal
Ingham ISD	Jason Mellema	Williamston	Sarah Belanger
Mason	Michael Kelly		
Lansing	Nino Rodriguez	<u>Absent</u>	
Okemos	Melanie Lynn	Leslie	Mary Crowl

The meeting was called to order by Jeff West at 8:03am. Jeff announced that Dean Bolton, Okemos representative and ISOA President, had to step down due to work obligations. Melanie Lynn has taken his place and will be the Okemos representative.

Ingham County Health Department - Linda Vail

Covid-19 cases have been going up across the United States. We are seeing a significant impact in pediatric cases.

Masking - The CDC has recommended universal masking for all and the ICHD supports the recommendation. The ultimate decision on mask requirements lands with districts, but masking is strongly recommended with the goal of keeping students in school.

Social Distancing - The recommendation is three feet apart when masks are worn. If masks aren't worn than it would be six feet for distancing.

Superintendent Letter – The ICHD sent a letter to the superintendents within the Ingham ISD service area that supports vaccination for all and the recommendation to exclude non-employees from school grounds to help stop the spread of Covid.

Quarantine – Unvaccinated: 10 days with the option to test on day 7 - a return to school with a negative test result.
Vaccinated: Tested in 3-5 days after exposure but no need to quarantine for a fully vaccinated person.

It is legal for a school district to require employees to get vaccinated, but it is a difficult decision to make when school staff is hard to find and hire.

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Q: If a student displays symptoms, can the district tell the student to stay home even if the parent doesn't agree?

A: The school district has an obligation to protect students. The safety and wellness of students is in the school code.

The health department and schools have worked together for decades with communicable diseases (mumps, measles, etc.) to keep kids safe, and Covid is a communicable disease. It's about keeping kids safe and mandated communicable disease activities will have to be followed.

Q: Will health screenings be required again?

A: There are no health screening requirements unless in a health care setting.

Q: Will the Continuity of Learning Plans be required again?

A: No, not required as we will be back to face-to-face learning.

Q: What are the Covid numbers currently?

A: That information can be found on the [ICHD website](#).

Q: Why is the board making the decision to mandate masks and not the ICHD or the Governor?

A: We have a system that gives people local control. The ICHD is strongly recommending that Boards support the recommendations from the health experts at the health department.

On August 10, the [State Board of Education](#) voiced support for local control of decision making when it comes to masking.

Q: What percentage of 12–18-year olds have been vaccinated?

A: Approximately 30-35%

Q: When will a vaccination for 6–11-year-olds be available?

A: There may be a submission to the CDC in late September/early October.

25% of people with Covid have long-term affects after Covid that alters their lives.

23% of current active cases are under the age of 19

- 11% 0–9-year-old
- 12% 10–19-year-old

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Considerations

- It's an election year coming up so there is hesitancy to make mandates.
- Districts are split on the issues and supporting different directives – can make it difficult for all.
- At the end of the day, it's the Governor and the ICHD who can make a mandate. Districts need to focus on the broad range of mitigation efforts, not only masking.

ISOA September Meeting

The September ISOA meeting is scheduled to be an in-person meeting at Ingham ISD. The meeting will be held 8:00-9:30am and will include a legislative update from Jennifer Smith at MASB.

The option to hold a Zoom meeting, or a hybrid meeting, will be considered as Covid conditions are monitored.

2021-22 Meeting Schedule

August 11, 2021

September 1, 2021

October 6, 2021

November 3, 2021

December 1, 2021

February 2, 2022

March 2, 2022

May 4, 2022

