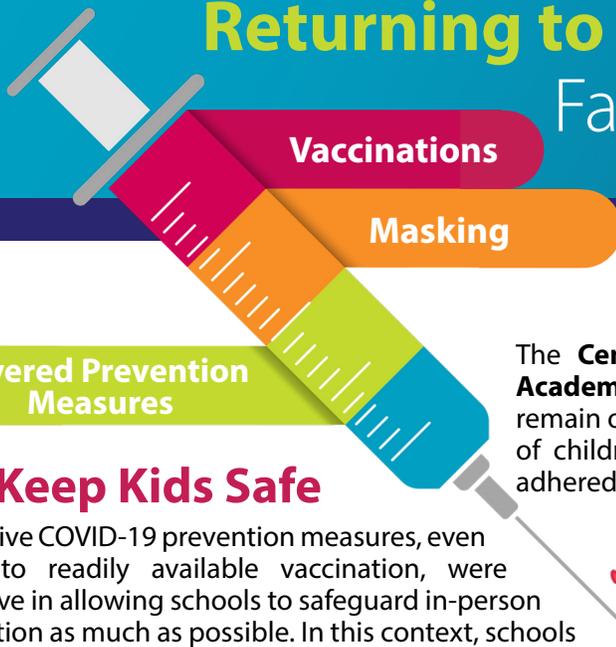


## Returning to School Safely

Fall 2021



### 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.

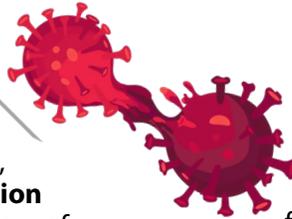


### Know the Facts.

- 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.

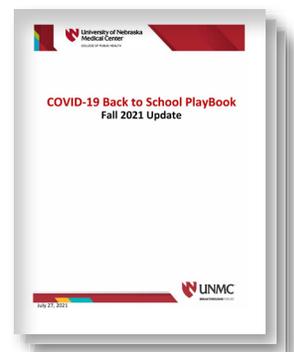


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