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CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC: CDC UPDATES GUIDANCE

Universal masking in schools urged

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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention updated their COVID-19 guidance Tuesday to recommend masking in schools nationwide, regardless of vaccination status.

The update was warranted by "worrisome" new information about the delta variant that has become the predominant variant in the United States, CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said in a news conference Tuesday announcing the new guidance.

"Information on the delta variant from several states and other countries indicates that in rare occasions, some vaccinated people infected with the delta variant after vaccination

may be contagious and spread the virus to others," she said.

The recommendation applies to everyone in K-12 schools, including teachers, staff, students and visitors. Despite the recommendation for mask use, the CDC did not recommend schools opt for remote learning in this upcoming school year.

"Children should return to full-time, in-person learning in the fall with proper prevention strategies in place," Walensky said.

The recommendations for schools were just one part of the new guidance the CDC issued Tuesday. The agency also recommended everyone, including those fully vaccinated, wear masks at indoor public places in areas with substantial

and high rates of COVID-19 transmission.

An area is considered to have substantial transmission when it records 50 to 100 new cases per 100,000 population over a seven-day period. An area is considered to have high transmission when it records more than 100 new cases per 100,000 population over a seven-day period.

Publicly available CDC data shows the rates for every state and county in the nation.

Neither Lorain County nor Ohio currently is considered substantial or high transmission. The most recent data shows Lorain County had a rate of 48.09 new cases per 100,000 population over seven days. Ohio had a rate of 41.7 new cases per 100,000 population over seven days.

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INSIDE CDC to require masks on school buses LOCAL, B1

'THIS IS HOW I'M GOING TO DIE'

Officers recall Capitol attack

Jan. 6 panel opens

Mary Clare Jalonick
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — "This is how I'm going to die, defending this entrance," Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonell recalled thinking, testifying Tuesday at the emotional opening hearing of the congressional panel investigating the violent Jan. 6 Capitol insurrection.

Gonell told House investigators he could feel himself losing oxygen as he was crushed by rioters — supporters of then-President Donald Trump — as he tried to hold them back and protect the Capitol and lawmakers.

He and three other officers gave their accounts of the attack, sometimes wiping away tears, sometimes angrily rebuking Republicans who have resisted the probe and embraced Trump's downplaying of the day's violence.

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SHEFFIELD

Man accused of killing wife

Charged on multiple counts

The Chronicle-Telegram

A Lorain County grand jury has indicted a Sheffield man on charges he shot and killed his wife in their home June 7.

Ronald Diamond, 72, of Preserve Lane, is charged with aggravated murder, murder and felonious assault with additional specifications in Lorain County Common Pleas Court.

He was being held in Lorain County Jail on \$1 million bond. The case has yet to be assigned to a judge.

Sheffield police said Ronald Diamond shot his wife, 73-year-old Deborah Diamond, who was hospitalized and later died.

Sheffield officers were called to the couple's home in the Preserve at French Creek luxury apartment community shortly before 1 a.m. June 7. Ronald Diamond met them at the door and said his wife had been shot.

She was found in the master bedroom, police said, and officers and Sheffield Fire Department staff gave lifesaving measures at the scene until she was transported to a hospital.

Ronald Diamond was taken into custody and questioned at the police station, before being charged with attempted murder and jailed.

MAKING A SPLASH



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Brooklyn Capers, 7, left, hugs Maddison Noble, 6, and Devine Noble, 2, while the trio played at the splash pad at West Park in Elyria on Monday afternoon. There are two splash pads in Elyria: South Park, 101 South Park Drive, and West Park, 1200 Foster Ave. Both are open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. until Labor Day.

LORAIN COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION AGENCY

Union: Boss's contract proposals harm workers

Dave O'Brien
The Chronicle-Telegram

A union representing employees of the Lorain County Community Action Agency has mobilized its message of strained union negotiations with the agency and its president and CEO, Jackie Boehnlein.

Service Employees International Union District 1199 alleges that Boehnlein has made proposals, including removing from the union contract language that encourages a good working relationship between management and the

union, and has proposed removing or restricting the rights of employees to file grievances over sexual harassment and racial discrimination claims.

The union has hired a mobile billboard to drive around Lorain with Boehnlein's photo on it, informing residents she is "actively attacking our union, its members and families," Anthony Caldwell, executive vice president of SEIU District 1199 WV/KY/OH, said in a written statement.

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A mobile billboard sits outside the Lorain County Community Action Agency on Broadway in Lorain. The billboard features LCCAA President and CEO Jackie Boehnlein.

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