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## Pointes go own way on student quarantine

Trigger for contact tracing cut to 3 feet, raising eyebrows

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The Detroit News

Saying students were being "over-quarantined" and wanting to keep more students in face-to-face learning, the Grosse Pointe Public School System has reduced the distance for contact tracing below federal and state guidance to 3 feet when positive COVID-19 cases are found among staff and students.

The move, approved late Monday night by the district's school board in a 6-1 vote, means fewer students would qualify under the district's quarantine measures for contact tracing and fewer students would be forced to stay home. The measure went into effect immediately.



Niehaus

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the state of Michigan define close contact as someone who has been within 6 feet of an infected person.

According to data released by the district, more than 1,900 students needed to quarantine after potential exposure in April alone, as well as some teachers and staff.

"The numbers of students generated by the 6-foot contact tracing were unsustainable," said Gary Niehaus, the district's superintendent, on Tuesday in a statement. "By those standards, a single COVID positive high school student, in our seven-period day, could close quarantine 15-50 students."

"Our board passed the resolution 6-1, supporting measures to keep more students in face-to-face instruction, for families that

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There are about 102,000 public charging outlets nationwide today, but just 1,537 of them are in Michigan.

## Long road ahead to 500,000 EV charging stations



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Derek Denocour this month digs down to install a ChargePoint station at a Shell gas station in Brighton.

BY RILEY BEGGIN AND KALEA HALL  
The Detroit News

Washington — President Joe Biden has proposed spending at least \$15 billion to begin rolling out electric vehicle charging stations, with the goal of reaching 500,000 charging stations nationwide by 2030.

There are about 102,000 public charging outlets across about 42,000 charging stations nationwide today, according to the Department of Energy, with a third concentrated in California (in comparison, Michigan is home to just 1.5% of the nation's public charging outlets at 1,542 charging outlets.)

Experts say significantly expanding the charging network would require coordination across the auto industry, retail businesses, utility companies and all levels of government — and \$35 billion to \$45 billion more, potentially through required matches from local governments or private companies.

They also say a long-term approach is appropriate, as the roll-out of chargers should match con-

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## Gamble weighs UAW exit in June

Curry said to be poised to take over; departure would predate referendum on officer elections

BY ROBERT SNELL AND DANIEL HOWES  
The Detroit News

Detroit — The United Auto Workers could install its fourth leader in three years because President Rory Gamble is considering retiring a year early in June, according to two sources familiar with the plan.



Gamble

UAW leaders are mulling a tentative plan that envisions Gamble, 65, possibly retiring one year before the end of his four-year term and being succeeded by Secretary/Treasurer Ray Curry, 55, as the union's second Black president, the sources said. The move would make Curry the incumbent leading into the 2022 union election and position him as a possible long-term head of a union that has seen 11 members convicted of federal crimes in recent years.



Curry

The situation is fluid. The potential leadership moves would come as the union begins to emerge from the most legally fraught period in its 86-year history. It's been the target of a federal corruption investigation that convicted two vice presidents, two presidents and delivered the union to federal oversight.

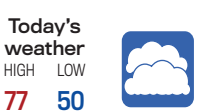
Gamble declined to comment through a UAW spokesman, Brian Rothenberg. But in an interview this week with CNBC, Gamble said: "I'm looking at my options right now. But my biggest concern is not personal, it's more about the organization and what's best for the organization. I'll probably be making the decision very shortly on what the future's going to look like."

The timing would come before members would use a historic referendum — required by terms of a settlement with the Justice Department.

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## Mask on, mask off: Feds ease advice; Mich. may follow

BY MIKE STOBBE  
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New York — The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention eased its guidelines Tuesday on the wearing of masks outdoors, saying fully vaccinated Americans don't need to cover their faces anymore unless they are in a big crowd of strangers.

And those who are unvaccinated can go outside without masks in some situations, too.

The new guidance represents another carefully calibrated step on the road back to normal from

the coronavirus outbreak that has killed over 570,000 people in U.S.

For most of the past year, the CDC had been advising Americans to wear masks outdoors if they are within 6 feet of one another.

"Today, I hope, is a day when we can take another step back to the normalcy of before," CDC Director Dr. Rochelle Walensky said. "Over the past year, we have spent a lot of time

telling Americans what you can't do. Today, I am going to tell you some of the things you can do, if you are fully vaccinated."

The change comes as more than half of U.S. adults — or about 140 million people — have received at least one dose of vaccine, and more than a third have been fully vaccinated.

Walensky said the decision was driven by rising vaccination numbers; declines in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and

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