

House Bill 1 – COVID-19 Mandates:

- Prohibits educational institutions or elected or appointed local officials from mandating COVID-19 vaccination for students.
- Prohibits school boards, school board employees or local officials from requiring students to wear a face mask, face shield, or other face covering; however, maintains a parent’s right to allow their child to wear a face covering at school.
 - Important note: Parent opt-out policies are no longer permissible under the statute. Parents may choose for their children to wear a mask, but the district cannot have a policy requiring masks – even with an opt-out provision.
- The bill prohibits a school board, school district superintendent, elected or appointed local official, or any district school board employee from barring an asymptomatic student or employee, who has not received a positive COVID-19 test, from attending school or school-sponsored activities, being on school property or being subject to restrictions or disparate treatment, based on the student or employee’s exposure to COVID-19.
- Allows a parent, emancipated minor, or student who is 18 years of age or older to seek declaratory judgment and injunctive relief for any act or practice that violates the law’s prohibition on vaccinations, face coverings, or quarantine. A prevailing parent or student must be awarded attorney fees and court costs.