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## **Chillicothe City Schools Re-Opening Plan – Updated July 13, 2020**

Over the last several weeks, the Chillicothe City School District Board of Education, administration and staff have been working together to establish our re-opening plan for the upcoming school year. We appreciate your patience during this process, below are a few updates from our original posting.

We will be returning to school full-time starting August 10, 2020. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students, staff and community, and we believe this plan is the best course of action and reflects the best practices and recommendations provided by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Education for re-opening schools.

The district is committed to being transparent with the staff, parents/guardians and community members with regard to the risks that exist when students and staff occupy school district facilities. Throughout this process, we will continue to collaborate with our school health experts such as the school nurse, the local health department and other service providers to identify and meet the needs of our students. The guidelines outlined below are in place to protect students and staff as we return to in-school learning in August.

If you have specific questions about detailed plans for your child's school, please contact the school administrator. As always, we appreciate your support and understanding during this time, and we look forward to seeing our students in August.

### **Expectations for our Administrators, Teachers and Staff**

- All staff are required to wear a facial covering that covers the nose, mouth and chin or shield while on school property and during work hours.
- All staff will enforce safety protocols in place for students and staff while on school grounds.
- All staff will follow the guidelines for reporting self-illness.
- All staff will follow the guidelines for maintaining a safe distance from others (up

to six feet), with facial covering or shield, while on school property and during work hours.

- All staff will complete required professional development specific to maintaining the health and safety of students and staff.
- All staff shall maintain confidentiality of students and staff as it applies to medical and mental health issues.
- Staff are expected to self-monitor and report any symptoms to their administrative supervisor.
- Staff that suspect a child may have symptoms of being ill should send the child to the school nurse for an assessment.

### **Remote Learning – Updated July 13, 2020**

- Any student may sign up for remote learning on a semester or year-long basis.
- Parents of students signed up for remote learning will be contacted by a school administrator prior to August 10<sup>th</sup> for further instruction.
- The district will follow the guidelines for remote learning as specified in HB 164.

### **Classrooms**

- Classrooms will be free of clutter and unnecessary materials, furniture, etc.
- Spaces must be easily accessible for regular sanitization.
- Classrooms will be furnished with sanitizing stations for students and staff, and staff will encourage students to sanitize and wash their hands frequently.
- Classrooms will be set up to ensure students and staff can maintain a safe distance while learning.
  - K-2 classrooms will have plexiglass shields on the tables - work in progress\*\*
  - Grades 3-6 will have single-seat desks that are spaced out to maintain safe distancing up to six feet. For classrooms with tables, seating will be staggered with plexiglass shields in between providing an additional layer of protection for students and staff.
  - Grades 7-12 will have single-seat desks spaced out to maintain safe distancing between four and six feet.
  - Students working from a table or lab area will maintain safe distancing.
  - Teachers and students will maintain a safe distance while working together in the classroom.
- Classrooms, restrooms and other school environments will be sanitized on a regular schedule throughout the day by our custodians and building staff.
- Hallways in CMS and CHS will be one-way to ensure students can maintain a safe distance.

## Student Facial Covering – Updated July 13, 2020

- Student in grades K-2 are not required to wear facial coverings, although we highly recommend your child come to school with a facial covering.
- Students in grades 3-12 are required to wear a facial covering while in school and on school grounds.
- Students in grades K-2 with pre-existing health issues or who may be considered high risk are strongly encouraged to wear a facial covering and may request preferential seating in the classroom.
- Staff will plan for “facial covering breaks” throughout the day for students, and will maintain appropriate distancing.
- Students may request a facial covering from the district, if needed, and on a one-time basis.

## Transportation

- Students riding a bus will be required to wear a facial covering. Non-compliance will result in denial of transportation service.
- Student ridership will be limited due to state requirements of two students per seat.
- Students showing signs of illness shall not be transported on a bus.
- Bus drivers will wear a facial covering or shield while loading and unloading students, and students will be seated 6 ft behind the bus driver.
- Bus drivers will follow cleaning protocols at the end of each trip, and between the elementary and secondary routes.

## Student Health Assessment – Updated July 13, 2020

- Parents are responsible for monitoring their children for signs of illness and to communicate with the school promptly if they think their child might be sick.
- If a student feels ill and will not be attending school, the parent shall complete the health assessment in [Final Forms](#) or call the school to report the illness and a staff member will assist you with completing the health assessment.
- Classroom staff will conduct student health assessments during homeroom, including taking temperatures. School nurses will monitor results of the health assessments and remove a student to the quarantine area and contact their parent, if necessary.

## Students/Staff Diagnosed with COVID-19

- Communication will be made with families, as appropriate and in accordance with HIPAA regulations, by the nurse in collaboration with the local health department when there is a confirmed case.

- The district will cooperate with the local health department for social contact tracing.
- A 14-day quarantine will be required of any student or staff member that tests positive for COVID-19.
- Staff or students determined to have “exposure” **as determined by the health department** will follow the 14-day quarantine requirements. The district nurse will work with the health department to notify the building principal and other stakeholders.
- Each school will have a quarantine area for students who are suspected of having symptoms related to COVID-19, until the parent/guardian can pick up the child.

### **Student/Staff Health Issues (not related to COVID-19)**

- Persons with a temperature must stay home for 72 hours and be fever-free (without medication) before returning to school or as directed by the child’s physician (physician documentation required).
- Upon returning to the classroom or work, the individual’s temperature will be taken, and a health assessment will be administered by the school nurse. **For students, the parent/guardian will be required to bring the child to the office for the health assessment where they may or may not receive clearance to return to school.**
- Any student sent to the office with an illness **must be transported home by the parent/guardian.**

### **Food Service**

- K-6 will have breakfast and lunch served in the classrooms.
- 7-12 will use the cafeteria and gyms for lunch to maintain safe distancing while eating. Breakfast will be grab/go.
- All students that pack a meal must use disposable bags.

### **Recess/Field Trips**

- Staff are permitted to take students outside for small group recreation or learning opportunities. Building principals will work with staff to arrange scheduled outside time.
- Large group recess will not be permitted
- Field trips will not be permitted until further notice.

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