Welcome! This town hall and the accompanying chat is being recorded and will be available on OSBA’s COVID-19 webpage at https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus

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Assuming we will need to go to a virtual platform this year, can we purchase hot spots for our students without internet service and bill the services back to the students/families through student fees?

we didn’t have enough bandwidth in our home to support 2 parents working from home, and a highschooler, and college students all working remotely.

simultaneously

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What standards, or code of ethics sort of documents did your districts put out for staff?

I am interested in mask policies (particularly for younger children) and also staff support for the safety features that will be put in place.

Can everyone share how many students have opted for online only school? Just a rough percentage. Thanks in Lakota Local (butler county) are starting our own virtual academy that will continue after the pandemic is over. It is different than what will happen if we have to go 100% online. We have 3300 students registered. we have just shy of 17,000 students in our district.

Marysville School has between 10% and 15% who we think that will opt for online only.
We will require face protection for all students and staff. We are researching the options available and will also supply everyone with the face protection item of their choice.

Talawanda is requiring face coverings for all staff and students.

I like that idea Mr. Pollard!

Yup, that's a good idea Mr Pollard

Lakota is requiring masks for all staff and students.

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Mentor School Board is planning to have a mask policy soon.

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for materials used in a course of instruction. Whether that would include a hotspot is an open question. I'm researching ODE's remote learning guide and FAQs to see whether this issue is addressed. Bear in mind that, even if a hotspot is within the definition of instructional materials, RC 331.642(B) prohibits a board of education from charging fees to any student who is eligible to participate in the free lunch program. Before moving forward, the district should consult with legal counsel to see whether they have any concerns. If OSBA gets any more guidance from ODE on this topic, we will share it on the Coronavirus Resource Page. Thanks for your question!

Sorry: The citation above is incorrect. It's 3313.642.

How is it that a county could be red (therefore under a mask mandate), yet you hear it said that the mandate does not apply to schools. Is this true, or are schools somehow exempt from those mandates?

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OSBA Legal Division’s Blog:
www.ohioschoolboards.org/blogs/legal-ledger
OSBA resource page: https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/restarteducation-ohio-resources

View OSBA’s return-to-school resources webpage at
https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/restart-education-ohio-resources
@LindseyBoes. Today's mask order hasn't been posted yet, but under the prior mask orders, there was specific language in the order that pushed k-12 schools to follow the guidelines set forth by ODE and ODH. Those guidelines don't require masks for students, but “strongly recommend” that students in 3rd grade and higher wear masks unless they're unable to do so for a health or developmental reason.

Sara Clark:

it doesn't make much since for 612 districts to bargain independently for rules prescribed by the health department. Why wasn't this addressed by the legislature?

Craig A. Jones:

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Angela Penquite:

My understanding is that the local health departments are saying different things as well, especially regarding mask requirements. There certainly seems to be inconsistencies at this point which does not really help in bargaining the effects of these new requirements.

Van Keating:

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T. Pollard:

You can review Ohio school district restart plans at https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-school-district-restart-plans

Angela Penquite:

Info on sharing your plan is there as well. Email to jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org

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Jeff Chambers:

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Thank you all for all you do! (: 

Lynda O'Connor:

Thank you for the useful information, staff and panelists

Mary:

Great meeting, very informative. What can be done to get all of the different addresses once you close