

Attendee Chat

Hello! This town hall and the accompanying chat is being recorded and will be available on OSBA's COVID-19 webpage at

Angela Penquite: <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus>

\*\*\*For those districts opening all remotely or on a hybrid plan, how are they handling sports? If it's not safe to have our students in the buildings 5 days a week, how is it safe to support sports? Especially football, soccer and field hockey? And what about cheerleading and band?!

Kathy McFarland: Use the chat to respond to Dr. McFarland's question or to ask any questions you have during the town hall.

Angela Penquite: no sports or extracurriculars in worthington

Charlie Wilson: Franklin County Public Health advised cancelling all extracurriculars. Hilliard has just done it and I'd imagine others will follow :(

ddonofrio: At this point, we are proceeding with all sports. However, only cross-country, volleyball and golf have been approved. Our band is not traveling for away games and some of the board thought if they were not traveling then the cheerleaders and the JV and Freshman football players should also not be traveling to away Varsity games.

Vella King: Oregon Sports are on track to start practice. Band camp delayed a week and will not travel to away games. Wish someone would step in and stop the foolishness!

carolmolnar: NBC4 in Columbus is currently running an online "fast feedback" poll. Tonight's question is, "If schools are online only, should students be allowed to play sports?" The current vote show 72% responding "no."

Rick Lewis: Interesting Rick

Susie Lawson: We are a hybrid school. WE are as a board allowing our AD and Health dept. to decide. but he is more likely to stop all sports once we are a red and Purple county. We will evaluate what the school districts we are playing with as well and their county color code. Red and purple we will do no contest.

sally.green: Marching band will transition to concert band if football cancelled.

ddonofrio: That's an interesting idea about band, Sally.

Kathy McFarland: Hot Topic:

You can view the previous presentations at

Angela Penquite: <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/coronavirus>

View OSBA's return-to-school resources webpage at

Angela Penquite: <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/restart-education-ohio-resources>

Are there districts who have pivoted to remote learning (literally any district in Franklin County) and any "cost savings measures" they are considering?

Kathy McFarland: ODH order on mandatory masks:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Order-Facial-Coverings-throughout-State-Ohio.pdf>

Jennifer Hardin: OHSAA announcement on fall sports:

<https://ohsaaweb.blob.core.windows.net/files/Sports/2020/OHSAAReturnToPlayRecs.pdf?sv=2017-04-17&sr=b&si=DNNFileManagerPolicy&sig=OQI3CIQfORCsyMX6sH9okmixdLIaxCCAie9PMAXPbJ4=>

Jennifer Hardin:

Jennifer Hardin: Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) [NOTE: This is a long one!] — <https://www.congress.gov/bill/116th-congress/house-bill/6201/text> ODE guidance document on Attendance for remote learning:  
<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Blended-and-Remote-Learning-Comparison/Attendance-Considerations-for-Remote-Learning-Plan>

Jennifer Hardin: This topic (Attendance for remote learning) will also be discussed at OSBA's Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop next week.

Jennifer Hardin: Remote learning plan checklist:  
<http://education.ohio.gov/getattachment/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Blended-and-Remote-Learning-Comparison/Remote-Learning-Requirements-Checklist.pdf.aspx?lang=en-US>

Jennifer Hardin: Learn more about the Attendance, Tuition and Custody Law Workshop at <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/events/view/attendance-tuition-and-custody-law-virtual-workshop-1>

Angela Penquite: Review Ohio school district restart plans at <https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/ohio-school-district-restart-plans>

Angela Penquite: At the end of the session, if you would like save the chat, click on the box with the three dots and choose the option to save the chat.

Angela Penquite: Do you have a list of policies that may need to be updated? For example, face mask policy? Attendance? I know there have been discussions through multiple town halls, but thought it would be useful to have it compiled in one list.

Kevin Harvey: thank you

sally.green: I would be interested on how School Boards are working on what areas with MOUs the effects of re opening. could those we posted as well?  
OSBA will be releasing a helpful chart and resource for our policy clients in the upcoming August PDQ to be released next week providing recommendations on which policies to consider revising based on your local plans as well as several other important issues. We also already released a sample face mask policy to our subscribers earlier this month. Please contact me with any questions: Kenna Haycox, OSBA Senior Policy Consultant  
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Kenna Haycox: I am curious as to how staff attendance is going to be handled. For instance, if a teacher is forced to quarantine due to exposure to a family member, but the school/classroom is still open. Of course, someone would have to monitor that class (as sub?), but could that teacher still teach from home and not be docked sick days? In most cases, that would probably be better for students than a sub for 2 weeks...

Lindsey Boes: Sally,  
Ralph Lusher: Here is the link to last weeks townhall that discusses MOUs. Also, districts will hopefully share some of the different MOUs they have negotiated.  
<https://www.ohioschoolboards.org/sites/default/files/OSBALegalPowerpointJuly%202022.pdf>

Ralph Lusher: Will Schwartz, [wschwartz@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:wschwartz@ohioschoolboards.org)

Will Schwartz:

Hello, Lindsey Does: Under the FFCRA, an employer can allow an employee to work remotely while on quarantine, rather than taking leave. More information about how employers can handle working remotely (or teleworking, as they term it) is available in the Department of Labor FAQ.

Jennifer Hardin: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic/ffcra-questions>

Jennifer Hardin: Check out questions 17-19.

Lindsey Boes: Thank you so much!

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Several of the attendance documents regarding both staff and student absences include language that districts should as much as practicable not penalize staff or students who contract COVID-19

Kenna Haycox: OSBA policy clients received the FFCRA policies regarding expanded sick

Kenna Haycox: leave and FMLA in the May PDQ

To share your district's restart plans, email them to Jeff Chambers at

Angela Penquite: [jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org](mailto:jchambers@ohioschoolboards.org)

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sally.green: thanks OSBA!!!