

FIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS REOPENING PLAN

This plan is designed to offer our students the best possible education and keep our students, staff and families as safe as possible. This plan was designed following the guidance of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Education, the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and the Portage County Health District.

At this time, there is no proven method to prevent all transmissions of Covid-19. The district will do all it can with the resources available to minimize the risks to everyone. The buildings and buses will be thoroughly cleaned each day. High touch surfaces will be wiped down throughout the school day. There will be no visitors, volunteers or field trips. No outside groups will use district buildings or grounds. There is risk in every interaction. The district cannot eliminate the risk entirely. Attending school in person does put everyone involved at risk.

This plan will be used to start the 2020/21 school year. The superintendent may modify this plan, as needed, to adjust to changing circumstances.

There are two options available to families for the 2020/21 school year.

OPTION 1 REMOTE LEARNING

Families have the option of signing up for a remote learning option. This option will allow students to work through the curriculum from home. Field staff will be available to assist at designated times. This option is more rigorous and has different requirements from the remote learning that took place in the spring. It will require much more work from the student. Families wishing to choose the remote option will do so for a semester at a time. Once the semester begins, there will not be an opportunity to switch to at school learning until the semester break. The remote learning plan and the registration materials are available through the Remote Learning Plan document.

OPTION 2 AT SCHOOL LEARNING

Families opting to send their students to school will be subject to the following regulations and guidelines. The colors are based on the Covid-19 county color coding system utilized by the State of Ohio.

Yellow and Orange

Attendance

- All families are expected to perform a health assessment and take each individual's temperature before leaving for school.
- If an individual is not feeling well or has a temperature of 100 degrees or higher, that person should not come to school. There will be no awards for perfect attendance.
- If an individual is staying home, they should report the absence through the normal procedures.

- Any student missing school for a prolonged period due to illness/quarantine will be given appropriate time to complete schoolwork.

Transportation

- If at all possible, families are encouraged to transport their students to and from school. The fewer students on the bus, the better we will be able to keep distance between students.
- On the bus, masks will be required by everyone at all times.
- Seats will be assigned, with members of the same house assigned to sit together whenever possible. Efforts will be made to not exceed two individuals per seat, as bus capacity allows.

Face Coverings

- Face coverings will be worn by all staff at all times.
- Face coverings will be worn by all students in all grades at all times.
- Acceptable face coverings are cloth, clear or paper masks or ties. Face shields are not as protective. They may be worn in addition to an acceptable face covering but not in place of it.
- There may be exceptions to the face covering rule based on individual instruction or health needs.

Instruction

- Classrooms will operate at full capacity. Efforts will be made to utilize all available space and keep students as distanced as possible.
- Teachers may travel from room to room and students will stay in the same room where possible.
- All students will not change classes at the same time, wherever possible. This will limit the number of students in the hallways at any given time.

Cafeteria

- The cafeteria will be utilized with as much distancing as possible. Lunch may be expanded to other spaces/classrooms as needed.
- Grab and Go lunches may be utilized at any or all times.

Recess

- Recess may operate at full capacity.
- Activities that keep students at a distance will be encouraged.

Health/Safety

- Individuals are encouraged to bring their own water bottles.
- Frequent hand washing/sanitizing will be encouraged or required.
- Any materials that will be shared will be wiped down before and after each use.

Red

If Portage County is at level Red, all of the Yellow/Orange guidelines will be followed for grades K-5. Grades 6-12 will transition to remote learning during a level Red and will NOT report to

school buildings. Staff in grades 6-12 will conduct remote learning from their individual classrooms or in accordance with recommendations from state and local health officials.

Purple

If Portage County goes to a level Purple, all grades will transition to remote learning. NO students will report to school buildings. The location of staff during a level Purple will depend on the guidance from state and local health officials.

This plan does not address every possible issue in each building. Each building will issue its own rules and procedures to address specific areas. These will include but are not limited to student/teacher movement, class changes, lunch, and arrival/dismissal.

“Flexibility” is the word of the school year. This plan is designed with the best information available at the time of approval, early August. Please know this is subject to change at a moment’s notice. We will adapt to whatever happens and do the best we possibly can to provide the best education and keep everyone safe. Expect the unexpected. Due to illness/quarantine/substitute shortages we could close a building or a bus route for a day. If that happens, we will announce the instruction plan for that day for those impacted. If we all work together, we can get through this and have a successful 2020/21 school year.