Reset and Restart Planning—Legal Issues

Town Hall Meeting
July 8, 2020

Two main documents

Planning Guide
for Ohio Schools and Districts
Guidance legal series

July 8: Health and safety
July 15: Education, including models of teaching and learning
July 22: Labor and employment
July 29: Miscellaneous

PART ONE:

Health and safety
Vigilantly assess for symptoms

- Conduct daily health checks before going to school.
- Include taking temperature and assess symptoms (next slide).
- If symptoms are present, person should stay home.
- “Schools should take temperatures of students and staff as they enter the building.”
**Diagnosis or exposure**

- Provide notice to school/bd of health.
- 14-day self-quarantine required.
- Must meet ODH and health dept. conditions before returning to school.
- Remote learning should be considered for long absences/large numbers of students absent.

**Wash and sanitize hands**

- Frequent hand washing (20 secs).
- Hand sanitizer in high traffic areas.
- Avoid touching face.

Schools should:
- Use signs.
- Impress upon staff the importance of influencing and instructing students.
Clean and sanitize schools

- Frequent thorough cleaning.
- Close attention to high touch areas and shared materials.
- Wipes/disinfectants available in each room.
- Guidelines for custodial staff, food service, transportation, shared spaces.
- Inspect, monitor and clean HVAC systems.

Practice social distancing

- Keep a distance between staff and students of six feet or more.
- Greater distances when speaking loudly, singing or playing an instrument.
- Think about all shared spaces.
- Reduce mixing, limit visitors.
Implement facemask policy

District must adopt policies on face coverings that “consider all the available science.”
- All staff and volunteers must wear masks.*
- Face masks for students 3-12 are “strongly recommended.”
- Minimum: Cloth or fabric.
- Cover nose, mouth and chin.
- Face shields an option in some cases.

Strengthening outcomes

- Teaching health and safety practices to students.
- Training all employees how to use equipment and reinforce concepts with students/parents.
- Limiting visitors and treat routine school visitors as school personnel.
Additional resources

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) RESOURCES

- Ohio Department of Education: Reset and Restart Education: Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts
- Ohio Department of Education: Reset and Restart webpage
- Ohio Department of Health: COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools

Thank you!

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