



CLEAR FORK VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOLS

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN: SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICE REQUIRED PLAN BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

Required Elements of Local Schools Plans includes:

Universal and Correct Wearing of Masks

In that Policy EBEA Face Coverings to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19 has become obsolete due to the lifting of all health orders by the Ohio Department of Health and Governor DeWine on June 2, 2021, the Clear Fork Valley Schools shall *encourage* any unvaccinated students, staff, visitors and community members or those with elevated health risks to wear a face covering/mask while on school property as recommended by the CDC.

It is no longer a requirement to wear a face covering/mask to attend in-person school, when riding transportation, attend athletic/musical events or other school sponsored activities at Clear Fork Valley Schools.

Clear Fork Valley Schools will follow the Ohio Department of Health and Richland Public Health guidelines and recommendations. Therefore, this plan is subject to change at anytime, which may include, but not limited any future mandates / guidelines / recommendations issues by either public health entity or state / federal government.

Physical Distancing

Clear Fork Valley Schools will make every effort to maintain three (3) feet of social distancing when practical in classrooms, cafeterias, on playgrounds, transportation and all other areas. It is understood six (6) feet of social distancing is best practice for unvaccinated persons, but not all areas or activities will allow for a six (6) foot distance between people.

Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette

Regular hand washing or the use of hand sanitizer is encouraged for everyone. Both options will be made available to students, staff, parents, visitors, and community members at Clear Fork Valley Schools. Schools may require student, staff or visitors to wash hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival; at various times during the day; before/after recess; before/after lunch; and prior/during/after other events before or after school. Regardless of the pandemic good hygiene is important for everyone. Hygiene helps to reduce various types of viruses.

Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation

Clear Fork Valley Schools will implement cleaning and disinfecting of common areas multiple times daily focusing on frequently touched surfaces in all facilities and transportation. All cleaning products will be used in accordance to manufacturer's

instructions and approved for use in a school setting.

Clear Fork Valley Schools heating and cooling systems are regularly inspected and have met air-handling standards. Classrooms without air-conditioning will have windows open, as appropriate for the weather or season.

All of our buildings have been fitted with touchless water fountains and bottle fillers during the summer of 2020.

Contact Tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state, local, territorial or tribal health departments

Richland Public Health K-12 School COVID-19 Guidelines as of *June 11, 2021*

School officials still need to promptly report COVID-19 cases and close contacts to the health department. While the public health orders requiring masks and social distancing in schools have been rescinded in Ohio, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) continue to recommend schools follow COVID-19 prevention measures implemented during the 2020-2021 school year. These prevention measures include universal and correct use of masks by staff and students and physical distancing of a *minimum* of 3 feet (6 feet preferred) in the classroom (6 feet required in some settings).¹

Isolation and Quarantine

Isolation and quarantine fall under the public health authority granted by the Ohio Revised Code. Isolation and quarantine requirements for individuals who have COVID-19 and their close contacts have **NOT** changed.

- **Isolation for individuals with COVID-19 remains the same.**
 - The infected individual may return to their normal activities 10 days after their symptom onset date (or test date if they are asymptomatic) AND they are fever free for 24 hours without medication and their other symptoms have improved.²
- **Without full prevention measures in place, modified school quarantine no longer applies.**
 - If an individual is exposed to a COVID-19 case in the classroom setting without masking and social distancing, they are required to quarantine for 14 days* from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated.³ Contacts are NOT permitted to attend in person school or participate in extracurricular activities.
- **If full prevention measures remain in place, modified school quarantine can be implemented.¹**
 - If an individual is exposed to a COVID-19 case in the classroom setting and both the case and contact were masked and social distanced, the contact is permitted to attend in person school and participate in extracurricular activities regardless of vaccination status.¹ Contacts should quarantine outside of school for 14 days* from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated.³
- **Close contacts of a COVID-19 case that are exposed outside of the classroom setting are required to quarantine for 14 days* from their last exposure to the infected individual, unless they are fully vaccinated.³**
- **Fully vaccinated individuals³ are NOT required to quarantine,** regardless of where they were exposed or the prevention measures in place. They should monitor for symptoms for

¹ COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools, ODH: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>; Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention, CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/schools-childcare/operation-strategy.html>

² Isolation release criteria, CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

³ Individuals are considered fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ≥ 2 weeks following their final dose of a COVID-19 vaccine series (https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated-guidance.html#anchor_1615143349134)

14 days from their last exposure to the infected individual, and isolate immediately if they develop symptoms.

- **All close contacts of a COVID-19 case should monitor for symptoms** for 14 days from their last exposure to the infected individual and isolate immediately if they develop symptoms, regardless of where they were exposed, the prevention measures in place, or their vaccination status.

***Note:** RPH continues to recommend 14-day quarantine. A 10-day or 7-day modified quarantine is permitted, with restrictions. See Options to Reduce Quarantine, CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/quarantine.html> for details.

Diagnostic and Screening Testing

Should any student or staff exhibit symptoms while physically attending school in-person, they should report to the school clinic or office. Those showing multiple symptoms or a fever will be required to go home. While waiting to go home, the ill individual may be required to wear a facial covering/mask and be placed in a separate isolation area overseen by school personnel, who are wearing proper PPE.

Any student or staff member with a fever higher than 100 degrees and/or showing multiple other COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home until fever free and/or symptom free for 48 hours.

COVID-19 rapid test kits are available for parents/guardians or staff for use at home. Results may be shared with school nurse to determine next steps.

Efforts to provide Vaccinations to Educators, Other Staff and Students, if eligible

Staff members received the option of vaccination in the spring of 2021. Clear fork Valley Schools encourages everyone eligible to receive a vaccination to do so, but it is not a requirement of employment or education.

Vaccines are available in various locations throughout Richland and Knox Counties. You can locate a clinic by going to Richland or Knox Public Health websites.

Appropriate Accommodations for Children with Disabilities with Respect to the Health and Safety Policies

Accommodations as prescribed in Individual Learning Plans (IEP) will be followed.

Continuity of Services

Academic Needs

Clear Fork Valley Schools review academic needs on a regular basis both in part and in whole to meet the needs of our students. Our staff regularly reviews academic needs for individual students, the class, the grade level, the department, the building, and at the district to ensure our students are receiving the necessary instruction to support the whole child.

The district is returning to all in-person learning. Remote learning will *NOT* be offered to

families as an alternative form of education. The ONLY two exceptions will be if a student or staff member is in quarantine (depending on connectivity and/or logistics) or on calamity days after the first five calamity days have been used. (Clarification: The district will utilize remote learning for calamity days after the first five have been expended.) Remote learning will not be used for two-hour delays nor will they be made up in accordance with our school calendar.

The district is returning to pre-pandemic schedules:

High School:	7:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Middle School:	7:35 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Bellville Elementary:	7:55 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.
Butler Elementary	7:55 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.

No drop offs before to any of the buildings before 7:35 a.m. We do not have any staff on duty until 7:35 a.m. Thank you in advance.

First day for students is August 30, 2021. Kindergarten, Preschool and Knox County Career Center students will receive information specific to them about the beginning of school.

Social, Emotional, and Mental Health

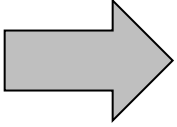
Clear Fork Valley Schools employs a guidance counsel and a psychologist, who are capable of managing immediate concerns, if necessary. The schools also contract with the Village Network for long-term and short-term support. Other community agencies are also available to our staff and students.

Food Services

Breakfast and lunch are available to all of our students.

The school periodically reviews the plan, no less frequently than every six months for the duration of the American Recovery Plan ESSER grant period (i.e., through September 30, 2023), and revises its plan as appropriate. The school will seek public input and takes such input into account on (1) whether revisions are necessary and, if so, (2) revises the plan.

Clear Fork Valley Schools will post the American Rescue Plan: Safe return to In-person Instruction and Continuity of Service required plan by the Federal Government on the district's website for public review and comment via Google Forms. The revisions may be made at any time. District review of the plan will be August prior to the beginning of the school year and in December prior to the beginning of the second semester in January. Revisions will be highlighted in some fashion.



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For public comment on this plan [please click here to access the Google Form.](#)