



# 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, athletic/musical events, or other district sponsored activities at Clear Fork Valley Schools. Staff and students have the choice to wear or not wear facial coverings/masks.

***Everyone (students, staff and others) is required to wear a masks while being transported by school transportation (buses/vans) by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Department of Health and Human Services Order under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 264) and Code of Federal Regulations 70.2, 71.31(b), 71.32(b).***

Because Clear Fork Valley Schools is a public school the District shall follow the Ohio Department of Health and Richland Public Health MANDATED ORDERS. Therefore, this plan is subject to change at anytime, which may include, but not limited any future mandates or health orders from public health entities, state or 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.

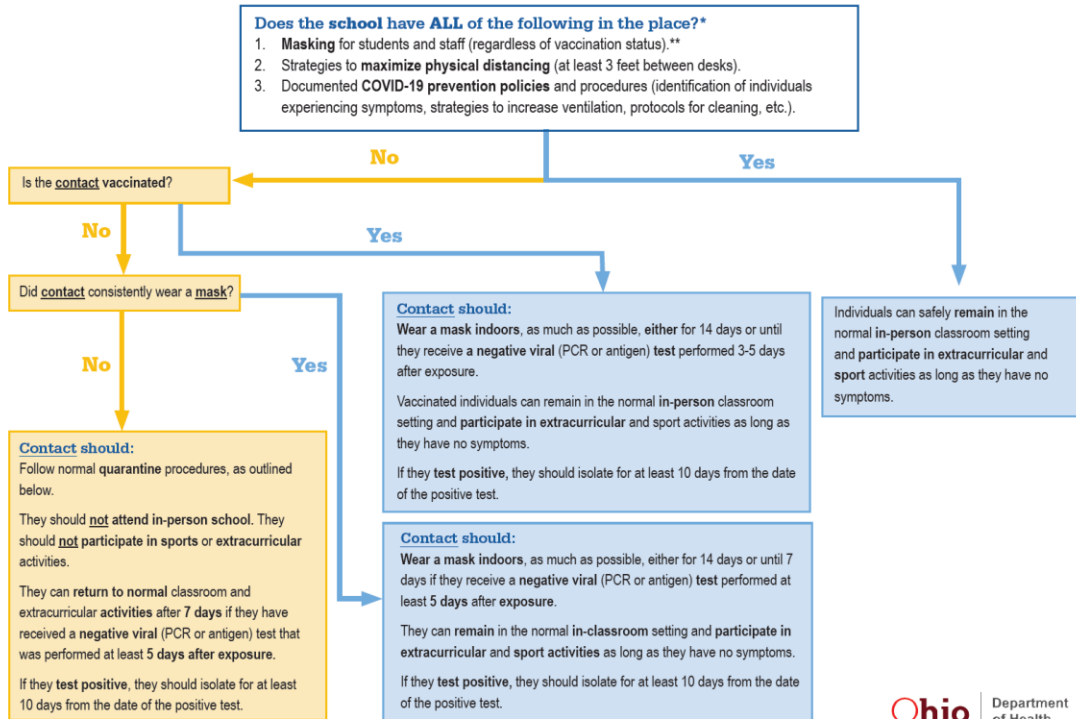
Clear Fork Valley Schools heating and cooling systems are regularly inspected and have met air-handling standards. Classrooms without air-conditioning will have windows open, as appropriate for the weather or season.

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

### Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



\*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.  
\*\*The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.

## Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

While great strides have been made in controlling the spread of COVID-19, the virus remains a threat, and the ongoing health and safety of K-12 students, staff, and volunteers remains paramount. **Ohio's goal is to keep K-12 students in school, in person five days a week. Students benefit cognitively, emotionally, and developmentally from in-person learning.**

This guidance can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 **in the classroom setting**.

As Ohio prepares to enter the 2021-22 academic year, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) recommends in its [COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools](#) following layered prevention strategies that were remarkably effective at controlling COVID-19 during the 2020-21 school year. These include strongly recommending vaccination for those who are eligible; strongly recommending use of face masks in K-12 settings, particularly for those who are not fully vaccinated; maximizing distance between people; prompt identification and providing appropriate care for people exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19; practicing good hygiene; and routine environmental cleaning and disinfection.

### **Modified quarantine procedures for K-12 schools**

The K-12 school environment is a setting in which layered public health strategies have been shown to be effective at reducing spread of COVID-19. During the 2020-21 school year, Ohio modified standard quarantine procedures for K-12 students based upon studies and pilot evaluations, including the [Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation](#), which is further supported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) new Close Contact K-12 Exception. Modified quarantine procedures will continue as Ohio schools begin the 2021-22 school year. With layered prevention strategies in place, more students will be able to remain in the classroom and continue participating in sports and extra-curricular activities.

COVID-19 vaccines are highly effective at preventing severe illness; while some infections are expected to occur in fully vaccinated people, these breakthrough infections are typically mild. To help prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 and keep students in school, everyone should follow recommended prevention measures after possible exposure to COVID-19.

The below guidance can be used to address **COVID-19 exposures in K-12 in-person learning environments** and on required school transportation (e.g., school buses). Consult with your local health department if you have questions or concerns about quarantine procedures.

Please note that this guidance applies for **contacts** who have been exposed to someone with COVID-19. The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.

- **Quarantine is not necessary** for students and adults possibly exposed to COVID-19 in K-12 school settings, regardless of vaccination status, if ALL the following prevention measures have been in place:
  - **Masking** for students and staff (regardless of vaccination status).
  - **Physical distancing** is maximized (at least 3 feet between desks).
  - Documented **COVID-19 prevention policies** (e.g., identification of individuals experiencing symptoms, strategies to increase ventilation, protocols for cleaning, etc.).

For more information, visit: [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

- If not all prevention measures listed above were in place, **quarantine is not necessary** for fully vaccinated\* students and adults provided they adhere to the following precautions: Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until a viral (PCR or antigen) test performed three to five days after exposure has come back as negative. In addition:
  - Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure; unless symptoms develop, individuals can continue attending in-person class and participating in sports and extra-curricular activities.
  - Anyone with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should isolate away from others and be evaluated for COVID-19. Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) may be recommended in coordination with the local health department, school, healthcare provider, or parents/guardians.
  - If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date symptoms started (or the date of the positive test if they have no symptoms).
  - \*Note: A person is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after receiving the second dose of a two-dose vaccine (Moderna or Pfizer vaccine) or two weeks after receiving a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson vaccine).
  
- If not all prevention measures listed above were in place, **quarantine is not necessary** for students and adults who are not fully vaccinated if the **person who was exposed** was wearing a **face mask** consistently and correctly and physical distancing was maintained. However, they should take the following precautions:
  - Wear a mask indoors, as much as possible, either for 14 days or until a viral (PCR or antigen) test performed at least five days after exposure has come back as negative. While this negative result would allow them to discontinue masking in school after day seven, we encourage them to continue masking.
  - Self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days following exposure; unless symptoms develop, individuals can continue attending in-person class and participating in sports and extra-curricular activities.
  - Anyone with [symptoms of COVID-19](#) should isolate away from others and be evaluated for COVID-19. Testing for SARS-CoV-2 (the virus that causes COVID-19) may be recommended in coordination with the local health department, school, healthcare provider, or parents/guardians.
  - If they test positive, they should isolate for at least 10 days from the date symptoms started (or the date of the positive test if they have no symptoms).

**Quarantine should be required if the student or teacher is not fully vaccinated, and layers of prevention were not in place as described above.**

- **If quarantine is necessary because layers of prevention were not in place as described above**, it should last for at least seven days since the last exposure, and the contact should have a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test collected on or after day five. Individuals should watch for any signs or symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days.
  - During quarantine, contacts should be advised to stay home and away from others as much as possible.
  - If they become symptomatic at any point, they should receive clinical evaluation or testing for COVID-19.
- **The above guidelines for students and adults only apply to exposures occurring in classroom settings.** Individuals who are not fully vaccinated and exposed to COVID-19 outside of the school setting should refrain from attending in-person school and participating in organized sports or extracurriculars throughout their quarantine period.

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For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

**Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.**

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## **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 maybe 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 then 100 degrees and/or showing multiple other COVID-19 symptoms are required to stay home until fever free and/or symptom free for 24 hours. The length of time may change in accordance to CDC or RPH recommendations.

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 three exceptions will be if a student or staff member is in quarantine (depending on connectivity and/or logistics), on calamity days after the first five calamity days have been used or due to an outbreak. (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: 7:40 a.m. to 2:40 p.m.  
Bellville Elementary: 7:55 a.m. to 2:45 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, a psychologist, and four social workers. All of who are capable of managing immediate concerns, if necessary. The schools also contracted 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. Public review and comment via Microsoft Survey or Survey Monkey was completed during June 2021. The District review of the plan was in August prior to the beginning of the school year and will be in December prior to the beginning of the second semester in January.