



# 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**

#### **In School Direct Contact Procedures from ODH and RPH "Mask to Stay / Test to Play" Options**

##### **UNVACCINATED STUDENTS (Direct Contact)**

Your child was exposed to COVID-19 in the classroom or during a school-related extracurricular activity. Quarantine from school is **NOT** required if they do not have symptoms AND they do the following, regardless of vaccination status:

- Wear a mask for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
  - ✓ Your child may discontinue wearing a mask after day 7 if they do not have symptoms **AND** they have tested negative 5-7 days after their last date of exposure.
  - ✓ If your child chooses not to wear a mask at school, they **MUST** quarantine at home for 14 days after their last date of exposure.
- Monitor for symptoms for 14 days after their last date of exposure.

##### **VACCINATED STUDENTS (Direct Contact)**

If your child is fully vaccinated, they do not need to quarantine; however, you should still monitor them for symptoms of COVID-19 for 14 days following their last exposure. Your child should be tested for COVID-19 if they develop symptoms during the monitoring period. The CDC recommends vaccinated direct contacts wear a mask while indoors for 14 days following their last exposure, or until they receive a negative COVID-19 test result (the test should not be done until it has been 5-7 days since their last exposure). The CDC recommends vaccinated direct contacts be tested for COVID-19 after it has been at least 5-7 days since their last exposure, even if they are symptom-free.

##### **RECENTLY RECOVERED STUDENTS (Direct Contact)**

If your child has a **documented positive** viral (PCR or antigen) test result from within the previous three months, they do not need to quarantine or test. In order for the result to be considered documented, it must have been reported to Richland Public Health.

##### **SYMPTOM AND LUNCH FOR IN SCHOOL DIRECT CONTACTS**

- Your child will be sent home to isolate if your child has any of the following symptoms: *fever, chills, body aches, headache, sore throat, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion, runny nose, and cough, shortness of breath, and changes to /loss of taste or smell.* (If your child develops any of these symptoms **anytime** during the 14-day monitoring period, they should be tested for COVID-19, regardless of their vaccination status or where the exposure occurred as recommended by RPH and ODH.)
- If you opt to send your child to school, a mask **MUST** be worn all day during the identified period of time as referenced above and worn correctly or your child will be sent home to complete the quarantine at home.
- Your child shall eat lunch in a separate location during your child's quarantine period due to not being able to eat and wear a mask at the same time.

##### **SCHOOL-RELATED EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES**

Your child may continue to participate if they do not have symptoms **AND** they do the following:

- Wear a mask when able for 14 days after their last date of exposure (including transportation, locker rooms, on the sidelines, or whenever the mask would not interfere with breathing, the activity, or create a safety hazard)

- Test when initially notified about their exposure to COVID-19
- Test again 5-7 days after their last date of exposure. (If they test negative at this time, they may discontinue wearing a mask after day 7.)

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

*Your child is NOT required to participate in masking to stay at school during quarantine and can remain at home during the quarantine in accordance to Richland Public Health and O.R.C. 3707.16. The District is still a mask optional district, unless your child is identified as a direct contact or riding on any form of school transportation in accordance with 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).*

***\*\*You MUST use a viral (PCR or antigen) COVID-19 test. If using an at-home test, the test MUST be proctored/observed by someone during a virtual visit.\*\****

**THIS SECTION OF THE DOCUMENT MAY CHANGE PRIOR TO ANY REVISION OF THE DOCUMENT DUE TO ORDERS, MANDATES AND/OR LAWS. PLEASE STAY CURRENT WITH ISOLATION AND QUARANTINE INFORMATION ON THE WEEKLY COVID-19 DASHBOARD LOCATED AT [cfcolts.org](http://cfcolts.org)**

### **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 and/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, ODH or RPH recommendations.

COVID-19 rapid test kits are available for parents/guardians or staff for use at home. Results should 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 level to ensure our students are receiving the necessary instruction to support the whole child.

The district has returned to all in-person learning. Remote learning will NOT be offered to families as an alternative form of education. The ONLY exception will be on calamity days after the first five days have been used due to an outbreak or inclement weather forcing the district to close. (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 returned 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 7:35 a.m. to any of the buildings. We do not have any staff on duty until 7:35 a.m. Thank you in advance.

First day for students was August 30, 2021.

Please review the "IF Plan" located at [cfcolts.org](http://cfcolts.org) for specific information about closure due to COVID-19.

### **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 district has contracted with the Village Network for long-term. Other community agencies are also available to our staff and students.

### **Food Services**

Breakfast and lunch are available to all of our students for FREE.

Due to supply chain issues, school menus may change daily.

**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 was completed during June 2021. The District review of the plan was in August prior to the beginning of the school year and was be in December prior to the beginning of the second semester in January.

*The Plan was revised on December 1, 2021 to reflect current district health practices relating to COVID-19 from the Ohio Department of Health and Richland Public Health.*

December 1, 2021 REVISED