

2021-2022 Restart Guidelines

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Federal, state and local health authorities have issued recommended health protocol guidelines for the start of the 2021-22 school year. The link for the COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools is:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>

We Highly Recommend:

- All Students and Staff wear a face covering when in our facilities or at our events
- Those not fully vaccinated consider wearing a mask while indoors.
- Vaccinations for staff and eligible students.
- Staff and students perform a self assessment before school each day and stay home from school if symptomatic.
 - One may have COVID-19 if experiencing one or more of the following symptoms:
 - Fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, repeated shaking with chills.

While At School:

- We will promote proper hand washing throughout the school day.
- Utilize hand sanitizer throughout the school day
- We will bring in as much outdoor air as possible
- We will attempt to maintain appropriate social distancing
- Staff and students exhibiting symptoms will be dismissed from school and asked to return to school when symptom free and/or cleared for return by their healthcare provider.

On our buses:

- The CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This requirement is regardless of vaccination status.
- We recognize that traveling on public transportations increases a person's risk of getting and spreading COVID-19 by bringing people in close contact with others.
- Students without a mask will be offered one.

Quarantine/Contract Tracing Requirements:

- Any staff/student that tests positive or is identified as a close contact will be quarantined for 10-14 days. The reduced quarantine of 10 days will be acceptable only if free of symptoms.
- Any individual that is within 3 feet of a positive case for more than 15 minutes in a 24 hour period will be considered a close contact.

- Please refer to the [CCHD Quarantine_5 DEC 2020 - Sample Letter](#) for details regarding Reduced Duration options.

Quarantine/Close Contact Exemptions:

- Staff and students will **NOT** have to be in a quarantined status if they are fully vaccinated.
- Any unvaccinated person will not have to be in quarantine and may continue to attend school and participate in sports and extracurricular activities if **ALL** of the following prevention measures have been in place:
 - The student or staff would have been masked during the potentially infectious time of contact with the positive case.
 - The student or staff maintained 3 feet or more of physical distance from the positive case.
 - The school has documented COVID 19 policies and procedures in place.
 - Symptom Screening and Contact Tracing
 - Strategies to increase ventilation
 - Protocols for cleaning and disinfection.