



Lynchburg-Clay Local School District

Fall 2020 Reopening Plan

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All Ohio schools closed in March, 2020 by order of the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Along with the guidelines set forth by the state and Highland County Health Department, Lynchburg-Clay administration has identified the following principles and guidelines for the reopening of schools in our district.

These general principles will guide our school community as we move forward with the reopening of schools in the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District.

1. Our school district will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
2. Our school district will work closely with the Highland County Health Department to promote health and safety in all school buildings.
3. Our school district will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
4. Our school district recognizes the need for consistency in areas of operations while also recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.

These guidelines will be common throughout the Lynchburg-Clay Local School District:

Daily Self Monitoring

- Student wellness checks, including temperature, should be conducted at home on a daily basis before coming to school.
- Student wellness checks, including temperatures, will be conducted at school each morning.

Student Illness

- Any student with a fever of 100 degrees or higher should stay home.
- Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and see their primary care provider to be assessed:
 - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
 - OR**
 - Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)
 - OR**
 - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, fever (measured or subjective), chills, muscle or body aches, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea, vomiting, or diarrhea)
 - AND**
 - A link to a case of COVID-19.

Returning to School After Illness

- If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
 - 3 days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication)
 - AND**
 - Other symptoms improved
 - AND**
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared.
- Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has COVID-19, may return to school after he/she has been fever free for 72 hours without using fever reducing medications.
- Any other illnesses should be handled in the routine manner according to our district policies.

- To return to school the child must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse.

Communication: Positive case of COVID-19 in a Student or Staff Member

- Communication will be developed in cooperation with the Highland County Health Department. The communication will include the following:
 - Specificity to parents of the classroom/bus/school building/or other school activity in which the confirmed case was located.
 - Cooperation between the district and the Highland County Health Department in contact tracing to identify close contacts of a positive COVID-19 case.
 - The Highland County Health Department has defined close contact as being closer than 6 foot to another person for at least 15 minutes at a time.
 - A quarantine period may be required per the Highland County Health Department.

Food Service

- All buildings will offer food service. Logistics will be determined by each building in compliance with the Highland County Health Department based on the following:
 - 50% capacity/occupancy of school cafeteria
 - No self -service items
 - Individual condiments

Classroom Occupancy

- The Lynchburg-Clay Local School District will implement the recommended safety protocols but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. The district will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that can not be eliminated.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual classroom circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations as possible.
- **Face coverings are required for all students in grades K-12.**
- Face coverings are required for all district employees.

Face Covering Guidelines

School Staff: All school staff and volunteers must wear face coverings unless it is unsafe to do so or where doing so would significantly interfere with the learning process.

Exceptions include:

- Facial coverings in the school setting are prohibited by law or regulation.
- Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards.
- Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons.
- Facial coverings are in violation of schools documented safety policies.
- Facial coverings are not required when the staff works alone in an assigned work area.
- There is a functional (practical) reason for a staff member to not wear a facial covering in the workplace.

School nurses or staff who care for individuals with symptoms must use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE), provided by the school, in accordance with OSHA standards.

Face shields can be used as an alternative to cloth face coverings. Some situations where face shields would be useful include:

- When interacting with students, such as those with disabilities, where communication could be impacted.
- When interacting with English-language learners or when teaching a foreign language, receiving speech therapy, developing phonemic awareness, or learning phonics. Some instructional activities may require students to view a teacher's face during the lesson.
- Settings where cloth masks might present a safety hazard (ie: science labs).
- For individuals who have difficulty wearing a cloth face covering.

Students: Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade are required to wear a face mask or a face shield unless they are unable to do so for a health or developmental reason. This requirement includes in the classroom, in the hallways and restrooms and when social distancing is not possible. Students in those grades must also wear face masks or shields when on the bus and when entering and exiting the school buildings.

Virtual Online Learning

- Parents may choose from two options:
 1. Send their child to school (assume some level of risk).
 2. Agree to virtual online learning from home for one semester at a time.
- Lynchburg-Clay Local School District will provide virtual online learning for parents who do not wish to send their child to school.
- This virtual online learning is not like the remote learning/home based learning that was used in the spring. This virtual online learning requires reliable internet and students will complete online modules according to the online platform provided by the district.
- Students who are enrolled in virtual online learning must complete a semester of courses before having the choice to return to in-person learning at school. To clarify, once a student is enrolled in virtual online learning in August, that student must remain in virtual online learning until January.

Visitors/Volunteers/Parties

- There are different levels of school visitors and each building will make decisions on an individual basis.
- Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities.
- Safety protocols such as taking temperatures and hand sanitization may be implemented.
- Face coverings are required for all visitors and volunteers during school hours.

Transportation

- Lynchburg-Clay Local School district will allow two students per seat and in some cases three if the children are younger and therefore smaller.
- Our district will attempt to seat siblings or students of the same household together in a seat.
- Seating charts will be used.
- Face masks or shields are required for all students in Kindergarten through 12th grades.
- In the event that state policies require school districts to use alternative schedules, the Lynchburg-Clay School District may adopt minimum requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation.

Recess (Elementary only)

- Lynchburg-Clay Local School District will make every effort to maintain consistency with safety procedures.
- This may mean that there will be limited access to certain pieces of playground equipment and a restriction on activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.

This document is subject to change due to state and local health department guidelines or Governor’s orders.