



Lynchburg-Clay Local School District

Health Guidelines for opening of the school year.

Federal, state and local health authorities have issued recommended health protocol guidelines for the start of the 2021-2022 school year. The 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.

The CDC and the Ohio Department of Health highly RECOMMENDS the following:

- All students and staff members over 12 years of age receive a COVID 19 vaccine.
- All students and staff who are not vaccinated wear a face covering when in our facility.

Lynchburg-Clay LSD recommends and/or advocates the following measures:

- The wearing of face coverings in our facilities as a voluntary measure.
- Obtaining a vaccine shot is voluntary and highly recommended by health organizations.
- All students and staff utilize hand sanitizing stations on a regular basis throughout the day.

- All students and staff follow proper hand washing protocols as needed throughout the day.
- Maintain 3 feet of personal space throughout the school day whenever possible.

Lynchburg-Clay LSD requires:

- All personnel and students on a bus wear a face covering. **This is currently a federal mandate.**

Daily Self Monitoring

- Student wellness checks, including temperature, should be conducted at home on a daily basis before coming to school. Any student with a fever of 100 degrees or higher or other symptoms such as shortness of breath, cough, sore throat etc should stay home and consider seeking a medical opinion.

Illness

- Our school nurse assesses ill students and determines who should seek medical attention and/or stay home from school in accordance with recommendations from the Highland County Health Department.
- **For students who are displaying symptoms of COVID-19, at-home rapid COVID-19 antigen test results will not be accepted by school systems UNLESS those tests are performed in conjunction with an online healthcare proctor.** Test results must be provided to the school nurse in order for the student to return to school.

Quarantine:

- Our staff including nurses and administration will follow close contact guidelines when determining quarantine identification and timelines. Close contact is defined as three feet or closer for fifteen minutes or more throughout the school day or activity.

Food Service

- All buildings will offer food service. Logistics will be determined by each building in compliance with the Highland County Health Department.

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.

Athletics

- Our athletic programs will adhere to recommended safety and health protocols. We will follow the guidance from the OHSAA when determining participation and attendance at events.

These guidelines are subject to change based on changes made by federal, state or local authorities or a health emergency within our facilities.