



# Maplewood Local School District

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### Reset and Restart Plan

The Maplewood Local School District has created a Reset and Restart plan with input from our committee, community survey and staff.

We are committed to the safety of our students and staff. Our goal is to educate all students every day face to face. However, at this time we are required to following the guidelines set by Governor DeWine and maintain 6' social distancing whenever possible.

We appreciate your understanding during this unrepresented time. Please keep in mind this a fluid plan and subject to change. We will keep you updated of any changes via our webpage and "One Call Now".

Our building principals will post their plans on the website detailing student schedules and procedures. Please call my office with any questions or concerns at 330-637-7506.

The Information provided in this document was developed by:

[COVID Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools- Ohio Health Department](#)

[Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts- Ohio Department of Education](#)

**Operating Assumptions-** The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Ohio Department of Health indicate that COVID-19 will be present at the start of the 2020-2021 academic year. Also, as has been the experience over the past several months, conditions can change rapidly. District and school planning will need to contemplate various contingencies. As a result, this planning guide operates under the following assumptions:

- Maplewood's education system must be nimble, flexible and responsive to ensure the health and safety of all students and adults.
- Schools will need to have the capacity to operate in various modes at different times and, sometimes, with minimum advance notice.
- When schools are operating with students in the building, they will need to adhere to health and safety guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health and local health departments. Guidelines may change as circumstances change, which most likely should lead to course corrections throughout the year.

- The traditional school experience as it was known prior to the onset of the pandemic will be different, as will many of the day-to-day practices of schools.

**Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms-** Since COVID-19 spreads so rapidly, it is essential that students (and their caregivers), staff, and volunteers conduct daily health checks prior to going to school which should include taking their temperature and assessing their symptoms. Anyone with symptoms (described below) or a temperature above 100°F should stay home. Schools will take temperatures of students and staff as they enter the building.

**You may have COVID-19 if you experience one or more of the following:**

- Fever or chills.
- Cough.
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing.
- Fatigue.
- Muscle or body aches.
- Headache.
- Loss of taste or smell.
- Sore throat.
- Congestion or runny nose.
- Nausea or vomiting.
- Diarrhea.

If a student, staff or volunteer begins to show symptoms or has a temperature above 100°F while at school, they must immediately be separated from other students, staff, or volunteers, given a face covering, and monitored by a staff member wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining physical distance when possible. The space where an individual waits before he or she goes home will be separate from the nurse's office and other areas students are likely to visit.

School personnel must refer those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 to an appropriate health care professional or testing sites.

**Wash and Sanitize Hands to Prevent Spread-** Hand washing and sanitizing are important tools in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by killing the virus. Students and staff will practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds when hands are dirty, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. Students will be provided opportunities throughout the day for handwashing. To supplement

handwashing, Maplewood schools will provide hand sanitizer in high traffic areas including entrances to buildings and classrooms and instruct students and staff to use the sanitizer. Parents can send their child with individual/personal hand sanitizer. Additionally, staff, students, and volunteers should avoid touching their mouths, noses and eyes since the virus easily enters the body through these membranes.

**Thoroughly Clean and Sanitize School Environment to Limit Spread on Shared Surfaces-** Cleaning, sanitizing, and avoiding shared materials reduces the chance that students, staff, and volunteers will come into contact with viruses on surfaces. Maplewood Schools will clean surfaces frequently, paying close attention to high touch areas and shared materials, and make sanitation wipes or disinfectants labeled for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) available in each room and common space. The sharing of supplies and materials should be minimized and if items must be shared, sanitized between each user

**Practice Social Distancing-** Keeping a distance of six feet or more between people adds another layer of prevention against the spread of COVID-19 by minimizing the chance of coming into contact with the virus through respiratory droplets. Distancing of six feet or greater is key in preventing droplet spread when speaking loudly, singing, or playing a musical instrument, which have been connected to increased respiratory droplet spread.

School staff when possible will maintain 6-foot social distance among students, staff, and volunteers in all school environments, including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, playground, drop-off and pick-up locations and school buses. Where social distancing is difficult, face coverings are even more essential.

**Implement Face Coverings Policy-** Wearing face coverings is especially important during times of elevated community spread, particularly when social distancing is not possible. Face coverings are critical to preventing the spread of the virus from person-to-person. Maplewood Local Schools will also require all students in K-12 to wear a mask to school daily.

**Transportation Considerations-** Students who are being transported to school via school buses are at increased risk for transmission by nature of being in an enclosed space for an extended period of time. Additionally, buses often transport children from multiple grade levels from different parts of the community.

In order to reduce the chance of transmission, the following guidelines will be used on our bus routes:

- Require students to wear masks while being transported on school buses.
- Drivers are required to wear mask when in direct contact with students.
- When possible students will load the bus back to front and exit the bus front to back to minimize contact.

- Hand sanitizer will be available on the bus.
- Buses will be cleaned between each route.
- In order to reduce cross contact, family groups will be required to sit together.
- Limit all students to a single stop, including shared parenting scenarios.

**Cafeteria Safety-** Cafeteria lines will be distanced and lunch room space may expand to other areas to maintain social distance. Cleaning and sanitizing will be done after every period. Meals will be available for students on days they learn remotely. This plan is subject to change pending government guidelines.

**Online Learning-** Many families are faced with various challenges as it relates to COVID-19. The district wants to provide an Online Learning Option for those students. The Online Learning will be rigorous and allow the student to have access to the same content standards that are being taught in the physical classroom. With that being said, here are some basic requirements for Online Learning:

- Families must commit to a semester of online learning.
- There will be a 2-week add/drop period, ending on September 4, 2020. Meaning, students can start the year with online learning but they have until September 4, 2020, to return to the physical classroom setting.
- If a family needs online learning or wants to go back to the physical classroom after September 4, 2020, they will need to contact their building principal for administrator approval.
- All Online Learning Courses will count towards student's academic transcripts.
- The district will provide the curriculum and Chromebook for students.
- More detailed information will be provided at a later date.

**Additional Guidelines-** The following is other information that will make our staff and students safer throughout the COVID-19 health situation:

- No visitors will be permitted in the school buildings. A parent/guardian must make an appointment with a teacher, principal, or other staff member to enter the school. Anyone entering the building will need to have their temperature checked and wear a mask. Refusal to do so will result in a request to leave the building.

- Traditional water fountains will be turned off during this time period. Each building does have at least one water fountain to refills bottles, those will remain operational. Students may have water bottles into the classroom.
- Each building will have spare disposable masks for student and staff use, if needed.
- If there is a COVID-19 confirmed case in the school district, the Trumbull County Health Department will conduct contact tracing. They will notify families if your child should be quarantined for 14 calendar days, if they determine their child came into contact with the COVID-19 positive person.
- The district will have communication with the Trumbull County Health Department, specifically we will notify the TCHD of our attendance rates so they can monitor potential spread within the district.
- No self-serve food items from the cafeteria for students will be allowed. Either serve individual pre-packaged food or a staff member would need to serve prepared food to the students.
- Place social distancing markers on floors in school buildings and signage throughout the school buildings to promote social distancing.
- Staff training will be on COVID 19 disease prevention in school settings.