



# RETURN TO SCHOOL 2021-2022

## SAFE RETURN

The 2021-2022 school year is fast approaching. We are excited to get our students in the classrooms engaging in a challenging and productive curriculum. The Ohio Department of Health has issued several recommendations for the opening of school you can find the recommendation at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>

- \* ODH strongly recommends vaccination for staff and eligible students. Vaccines are our best tool to protect students and prevent the spread of the virus.
- \* Wearing masks have been proven to be extremely effective in slowing the spread of the virus. The ODH strongly recommends the wearing of masks. We also recommend the wearing of masks **however, at this time we are not mandating the wearing of a mask.**

Please note, if a student has been exposed to COVID-19, they will not have to quarantine if they are wearing a mask in the classroom. We have attached "Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings".

- \* School transportation: The CDC continues to require that masks be worn on all public transportation, including school buses. This requirement is regardless of vaccination status.
- \* We will continue to monitor temperatures as students enter the building. In addition, we will continue to provide hand-sanitizer in each classroom and on our buses.
- \* Families should be reminded of the importance of keeping students out of the classroom if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 and are encouraged to get them tested.
- \* Anyone with symptoms of a temperature above 100 degrees Fahrenheit should stay at home.
- \* The CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms.

## COVID-19 Symptoms

**Help prevent the spread of Covid-19**

*You may have COVID-19 if you have:*

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

**Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.**