



## **STRYKER LOCAL SCHOOLS**

**2020 – 2021**

### **Reopening Guidelines [Update #1] Updates are Highlighted in Yellow**

The following is the reopening plan for Stryker Local Schools Pre-K to 12, and will be in effect at the start of the 2020-2021 school year.

Disclaimer: All information is current at the time of creating this plan, however, specific areas and information in this plan may change or be modified to comply with State orders at any time.

### **District Open House – August 18<sup>th</sup>, 4pm-6pm**

Open House is still planned as normal for students and parents to attend if they wish. However, a few guidelines are highly recommended for this event.

- A mask or some type of nose and mouth covering has been mandated by Governor DeWine for all students K-12. **Note:** Regardless of your personal beliefs or feelings, please wear a mask or covering so that our school may stay open!
- Please practice social distancing while attending this event

### **Educational Options for your child**

**Option 1.** Traditional, In Class Education on Campus or Four County Career Center: Note – Students attend classes with district teachers. Students may participate in district offered extra-curricula's. The district continues to receive full State funding.

**Special Note:** Based on the State's County by County COVID reporting color coded system, the following will be in effect: If Williams County's COVID numbers spike, and the County is classified as "RED", the traditional classroom option moves to online with district staff providing the on-line learning. A level of health risk is assumed by parents/guardians and students with this option choice. A mask or some type of nose and mouth covering has been mandated by Governor DeWine for all students K-12. **Note:** Regardless of your personal beliefs or feelings, students, please wear a mask or covering so that our school may stay open!

**Option 2.** On-Line Learning through district sponsored NOVA (PLP) Program:

Note – Students are at home through computer based learning via the PLP on-line schooling program. The district provides the electronic device. Students may participate in district offered extra curricula's. The district continues to receive full State funding.

\* If this option is selected by the parent or guardian for your child(ren), you must contact the one of the following Administrator's to get your student(s) registered **by August 14<sup>th</sup>**. Students will not be permitted to transfer back and forth from traditional to on-line learning. If the student enrolls in on-line learning initially, students must complete the semester of on-line learning before re-entering the traditional school setting. District personnel will monitor on-line activity and daily attendance will be enforced based on the student online activity. The truancy policy will be followed.

For on-line registration, please contact the appropriate Administrator - ***Deadline is August 14<sup>th</sup>.***

**\*\*PreK-6 Students:** Contact Mrs. Beth Morr at: [Bmorr@strykerpanthers.net](mailto:Bmorr@strykerpanthers.net)

**\*\*Jr. High/HS Students:** Contact Mr. Dave Schultz at: [Dschultz@strykerpanthers.net](mailto:Dschultz@strykerpanthers.net)

**Option 3.** Home Schooling: Note – Students are educated at home by a parent, guardian, etc. Parents/guardians must register their child(ren) and submit a home schooling plan with the Northwest Ohio Educational Service Center (NwOESC) in Archbold, Ohio. Students may participate in district offered extra curricula's. District receives no State funding. Please refer to the ODE website for additional information with this option. <http://education.ohio.gov>

**Option 4.** On-Line Learning through a private, for profit, on-line charter school of your choosing: Note – Students are at home through computer based learning. The district does not provide the electronic device. Students cannot participate in district offered extra curricula's. District loses State funding and additional local funding. Please refer to the ODE website for additional information with this option. <http://education.ohio.gov>

### **Stryker Preschool 2020-2021 School Year**

Stryker Local Schools will hold Preschool registration and screenings at Stryker Elementary on 8/19/20, 8/20/20 and 8/21/20, starting at 9:00 am. Families will know their session of attendance and teacher at the end of the day on 8/21/20. Transportation questions will also be addressed at this time. Preschool students will begin school Monday, 8/24/20. Parents who have already signed up for a preschool screening can expect a phone call from the NwOESC staff beginning in August to schedule a time for screening. Anyone not yet registered can still schedule a screening appointment - please call the NwOESC at 567-444-4818.

### **Stryker Kindergarten 2020-2021 School Year**

Stryker Local Schools will hold Kindergarten screenings at Stryker Elementary on 8/19/20 and 8/20/20, starting at 8:45 am. Students previously registered will be sent a date and appointment time through the mail. Families will know their teacher assignments at the end of the day on 8/21/20 and transportation questions will also be addressed at this time. Kindergarten students will begin school Monday, 8/24/20. If a child has not yet been registered for Kindergarten, please complete a registration form and return it to the school via mail or email.

### **Food Service**

Traditional meals will continue to be provided by the Cafeteria. The following changes will be in effect:

- Students may still pack a lunch.
- One Way serving lines will be in effect.
- No Cafeteria food may leave the Cafeteria. No food is allowed in the halls or Commons area unless authorized.
- No self-serve condiments or toppings will be offered.
- Spaced seating will be in effect during all lunch periods.
- The district is following the "Dine Safe" orders, similar to restaurants in the county
- Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands before and after lunch.

- Free and reduced applications can now be completed online at [payschoolscentral.com](https://payschoolscentral.com) or Download App on Google Play or App Store. No Credit Card needed. Please use Student ID when registering on-line payment of fees, lunches and other benefits.
- \* No outside food for parties will be allowed. Note: If you are interested in having snacks for a Birthday Party for your child(ren), please email Mrs. Paula Short for procedures and details. [pshort@strykerpanthers.net](mailto:pshort@strykerpanthers.net)

## **Transportation**

Transportation will continue as in the past. However, a few changes will be in place.

- A level of health risk is assumed by parents/guardians and students by using district provided transportation
- AM Pick up times are being adjusted to reduce student contact on the playground prior to the start of school.
- Students will have assigned seating and distanced as much as possible
- Siblings must sit together whenever possible.
- A mask or some type of nose and mouth covering has been mandated by Governor DeWine for all students K-12. Note: Regardless of your personal beliefs or feelings, please wear a mask or covering so that our school may stay open! Students will be dismissed from the bus around 8:25 am to enter the school.
- In the event the State policies require school districts to use alternative schedules, districts may change requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation.

## **Athletics and Athletic Events**

Currently, OHSAA is allowing Fall sports to continue. As with most aspects of the current situation, OHSAA guidelines have and will continue to change. Our Athletes have specific guidelines and procedures for each individual sport that the district will be following. \* Morning Team Athletic practices: Student Athletes must remain as a team in the specific practice area with coaches until 8:25 am. \*Note: No Team Meals will be permitted on district property.

The following are recommendations for spectators at an Athletic event:

- A mask or some type of nose and mouth covering has been mandated by Governor DeWine for all students K-12. Note: Regardless of your personal beliefs or feelings, please wear a mask or covering so that our school may stay open!
- Please practice social distancing while attending these events.
- Families or relatives may sit together.

## **Athletic Concessions**

Concessions will continue with the following changes:

- No self-serve condiments or toppings will be offered.
- Reduction in hot food items for purchase.
- Commons area will have no seating available.

## **Student Drivers**

- All student drivers must remain in their vehicle until 8:25 am.

## **General Items**

- The district will implement safety protocols as realistically as possible.
- No student is permitted in the building until 8:25 am.
- Only pre-approved, early entrance by a student is permitted.
- Daily Morning Arrival: Students should not arrive before 8:15 am, unless attending Breakfast. Those attending breakfast must remain in the Cafeteria until 8:25 am.
- Students will not be allowed on the playground/parking lot area before the start of school
- Upon arrival to school, students will report directly to their classroom.
- The district will work with the Williams County Health Department to promote safety in each school building.
- Some level of health risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities under the current Pandemic.

## **Daily Health Assessments**

- Students and staff/personnel are expected to take their own temperature before reporting to school and to stay home if above 100F or if experiencing other illness related symptoms.
- Students and staff/personnel who exhibit symptoms during the school day will be sent to the school nurse for an assessment, and/or sent home.
- All personnel dealing with a student exhibiting symptoms will be wearing PPE.
- Areas that were occupied by a person exhibiting symptoms will be thoroughly sanitized.
- Please do not send your child(ren) to school if they have a fever or is ill.

## **Face Coverings**

- A mask or some type of nose and mouth covering has been mandated by Governor DeWine for all students K-12. Note: Regardless of your personal beliefs or feelings, please wear a mask or covering so that our school may stay open! Staff members will be required to wear a mask, unless it is medically documented unsafe to do so and/or wearing the mask interferes with the learning process.

## **Classroom Occupancy**

- Any student who attends school (Educational Option 1) will incur some level of risk, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.
- Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands before and after classes, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. \* Hand sanitizer stations have been installed in each classroom.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible.
- Classrooms are set up for the maximum allowable seating distance

## **Hand Sanitizing Stations and Hand Washing**

- The district has hand sanitizing stations throughout the buildings, classrooms, and on school transportation.
- Students will be encouraged to practice good hand washing and sanitization throughout the day.

### **Recess**

- The district will make every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures in this area.
- This may include limiting student access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or to maintain social distancing.
- The district is encouraging recess activities that limit the students’ physical contact with others.
- Students will be encouraged to sanitize their hands before and after recess.

### **Field Trips**

- Classroom based field trips will not take place until further guidance is provided.
- Club activities will continue and specific guidelines will be put in place based on the Club activity as needed.

### **Visitors/Volunteers**

- Visitors are discouraged from being in school district facilities during school hours.
- Safety precautions, such as taking temperatures and completing a screening questionnaire, may be implemented for all visitors based on the County’s exposure level.

### **Important Reminder Update:**

If Williams County is classified as “RED”, the county school systems will consult with the Williams County Health Department to determine the best course of action for students, activities and learning. Information will be reviewed, and decisions will be made within 24hrs of receiving a “Red” status for the County. Dependent upon the data, schools and activities remain open for Option 1. If a change in the status to the level of “Red” occurs, schools will remain open until further notice is provided to district stakeholders. However, parents will be notified on any changes to the schooling options as soon as possible. The School system, in cooperation with the Williams County Health Dept., will make the most informed decisions for their individual districts. As of this update, information is released by the State of Ohio’s Governor’s office each Thursday that indicates a County’s “Alert (Color) Status”. This information is heavily monitored each week by the County Schools and Health Department.