

# APPENDIX A: AUGUST 2020

# BACK TO SCHOOL 2020-21



The Back to School 20-21 Plan contains information regarding the learning plans, shifts in plans and risk mitigation protocols to be implemented over the course of the 2020-2021 school year. The following is an appendix to that plan, which outlines the recommendation for how the year will begin in August 2020.

## AUGUST SCHOOL OPENING PROCEDURES

### AUGUST 3-13

#### Staff prepare for the start of the school year.

- Per the negotiated agreement with the Bexley Education Association, teachers have one day between August 3 and 13 to prepare individually for the start of school.

### AUGUST 17-21

#### Staff report in person for professional development and work time.

- Staff gatherings in classrooms and offices should be limited to allow for at least six feet of physical distancing.
  - Staff meetings for full staff should be conducted via video conference with staff members joining in small groups or individually or in a theater, cafeteria, or gymnasium where staff can distance at least six feet
- Staff need access to their materials and supplies in order to maximize their planning
- Work on equity and anti-racism is best conducted in person and will happen in a space that allows staff to be space out safely.
- A transition to a hybrid plan will require that staff are comfortable in the school setting. By reporting in person for five days, staff will have the opportunity to observe and participate in risk mitigation protocols put into place for when students return to our school buildings.

### AUGUST 24

#### First day of instruction for students.

- Students will begin the 20-21 school year in the distance learning plan
- School will take place five days a week and follow the student days as closely as possible.
  - **Elementary Student Day: 8:15 AM - 3:00 PM**
  - **Secondary Student Day: 8:30 AM - 3:30 PM**
  - A school day will not be spent fully online but will include time for live teaching, teacher directed independent learning, research, and group work. Until full receipt of 1:1 devices, live teaching will be limited by access to technology at home.
  - The school day will allow for lunch, recess, and study hall
- Staff will follow their regular school day schedules; specific times to be communicated by building principals.
  - **Elementary Staff Day: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM**
  - **Secondary Staff Day: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM**
- Per FCPH small groups may need to gather when a student's educational needs cannot be met remotely
  - Gatherings of students may be no more than 9 with one staff member
  - All risk mitigation protocols must be followed by students and staff at all times when in school buildings or on school grounds.
- Teachers will report to the buildings daily; however, they are permitted to work remotely, when necessary and approved by the administration. Staff will report to school when a student's educational needs cannot be met from a distance or when an approved accommodation for a staff's medical condition is in place.

# CHANGE IN THE LEARNING PLAN

**No sooner than September 18, the District will determine if a shift to the hybrid plan is appropriate.**

- Changes in the learning plan will be based upon county alert level, positivity rates, and a decline in cases of COVID-19 in Franklin County
- If conditions and guidance from FCPH support a shift to the hybrid learning plan, a three week transition to hybrid will begin the week of September 28.
  - The transition plan will allow for very small groups of students to attend at a time (approximately 25% per day) to allow students to learn and acclimate to the new risk mitigation protocols: masks, one-way hallways, etc.
- No shift in learning plan will take place with fewer than four weeks of trend data showing a decline in cases and an improvement in local conditions.

## EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: ATHLETICS, MARCHING BAND, THEATER

- Extracurricular activities that include performing arts should be practiced in light of evidence that singing and shouting may contribute to COVID-19 transmission.
- Group or ensemble singing should not occur inside until mitigation techniques have been tested and proven effective.
- Instrumental groups should be limited in size to meet physical distancing requirements, and play should take place outdoors during the period of distance learning.
- Extracurricular activities should not include traveling with non-family members in small shared vehicles during a period of distance learning.
- Splitting teams/troupes into smaller groups reduces intermingling.
- All students who participate in extracurricular activities must sign a waiver acknowledging that they are assuming some risk by participation in a group activity.
- All students who participate must also sign a Pledge committing to safe behavior that reduces the risk of COVID spread even when not at extracurricular activities.

### NON-CONTACT SPORTS (GOLF, TENNIS, CROSS COUNTRY, VOLLEYBALL)

May continue with practice and competition [per Ohio Department of Health](#).

All volleyball players must wear masks at all times due to the indoor venue.

### CONTACT SPORTS AND MARCHING BAND

AUGUST 3-14	AUGUST 17-SEPTEMBER 4	SEPTEMBER 4
<b>PHASE I</b>	<b>PHASE II</b>	<b>PHASE III</b>
If downward trend in Franklin County Cases for 14 days, per OHSAA, coaches can submit a plan to move to Phase II	If local conditions allow	Determine the feasibility of continuing the fall season based on county COVID cases, access to competition, and guidance of public health.

### OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Phases will be based on local health conditions.

Directors may choose to gather groups virtually at any time.

#### AUGUST 17 - SEPTEMBER 4

##### PHASE I

- 9 students with one staff member
- Masks worn if inside
- Maintain 6 feet of distance

##### PHASE II

- Larger groups permitted to gather outside; cohorts
- Masks worn if inside
- Maintain 6 feet of distance