



**Mapleton Local Schools**

*...where students can achieve their goals in an ever changing world.*

# Strategies for a Safe & Responsible School Year

2021-2022

# ***Guidance & Direction***



This document is *fluid* and can be modified if deemed necessary as all local, state, and federal guidelines, mandates, and policies are continuously reviewed, analyzed, and evaluated.

# ***Plan Collaborators***



*Thank you to all of the individuals and organizations that contributed to the development of this plan!*

Mapleton Board of Education

OAPSE Local #348

Mapleton Local School District Administrative Team

Ashland County Health Department

Mapleton Teachers' Association

University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center

Mapleton Community

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**UH Healthy Restart Playbook - Reopening Schools**

# ***Student & Staff Focused***



## **TECHNOLOGY**

Ensuring the needed technology is available to help our students be successful.



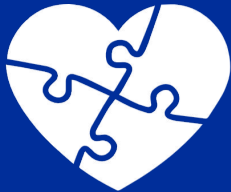
## **COMMUNITY**

Working together to ensure smooth transitions and operations between all staff, families, and community organizations.



## **LEARNING**

Preparing to educate our students both in-person and remotely.



## **SOCIAL & EMOTIONAL**

Mapleton will continue to support social learning and interactions as safely as possible.



## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Continued guidance from ODH, ODE, OHSAA, UH, psi, and Ashland County Health Dept.



# ***Health & Safety***



*We are committed to creating the safest environment possible for our students and staff!*

- Ongoing collaboration with University Hospitals Samaritan Medical Center, psi, and the Ashland County Health Department.
- Student and staff daily self screening for COVID symptoms prior to leaving home.
- Physical distancing will be maintained in classrooms whenever possible.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.** (A facial covering is considered to be either a mask or gaiter.)
- Electrostatic sprayers with EPA approved disinfecting products will be used on surfaces in classrooms, common areas in each building and on buses.
- Desks and high touch surfaces in classrooms will be disinfected after each use.

# ***Health & Safety***



- Increased opportunities for handwashing and the use of hand sanitizer.
- Students will use their own individual school supplies, materials, and equipment whenever possible.
- Field trips are limited for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Visitors on campus will be limited.
- Use of volunteers will be limited for the 2021-2022 school year.



**Health & Prevention Guidance  
for K-12 Schools**

# ***Plan To Be Prepared***



## **Plan A: In-Person Learning**

(100% Capacity)

All students in classrooms following guidelines and safety protocols.

\* We are prepared to move to Plan A or B at anytime due to changes in COVID-19 incidents.

## **Plan B: Remote Learning**

(100% at Home)

Remote learning/instruction will be given by classroom teachers.

\* We are prepared to move to Plan A or B at anytime due to changes in COVID-19 incidents. Remote learning can be initiated for individual students, classrooms, grade-levels, buildings, buses, and/or the entire district based on isolation and quarantine protocols.

# ***Plan A: In-Person Learning***



**All students in classrooms following guidelines and safety protocols.**

## **Parent/Caregiver Expectations**

- Conduct student wellness checks, including temperature, prior to sending student to school. Students with a temperature of 100°F must stay home.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**
- Provide your child with a water bottle as fountains will not be available for use.
- Talk to and encourage your child to follow all safety protocols including proper handwashing, hygiene/sanitation habits, physical distancing, and wearing facial coverings.
- Limit visits to school and when visiting, follow all guidelines, read signage, and we strongly recommend wearing a mask.

## **Student Expectations**

- Be aware of any symptoms of COVID-19 and report to a teacher if there is a concern.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**
- Report immediately to your assigned location (upon arrival, between class periods, cafeteria, dismissal, etc.)
- Maintain physical distancing with peers whenever possible.
- Wash and sanitize hands regularly.
- Sit in your assigned/designated seat within classrooms and school bus.



# Plan A: In-Person Learning



All students in classrooms following guidelines and safety protocols.



## Custodial Expectations

- Conduct personal wellness checks prior to reporting to work.
- Ensure that sanitation supplies are restocked daily and available for all teachers and staff.
- Regularly disinfect classrooms, clinics, restrooms, hallways, and all common areas. This includes, but is not limited to, door handles, desks, railings, stalls, sinks, etc.
- Ensure the cleaning schedule is followed and documented.
- Ensure designated doors are open for arrival and dismissal and secured following arrival and dismissal.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**

## Administration Expectations

- Communicate with families, caregivers, and the community the district's guidelines as well as any reminders, updates, changes, etc. that could impact students, staff, and families.
- Conduct personal wellness checks prior to reporting to work.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**
- Establish protocols. These include, but are not limited to, health monitoring, arrival and dismissal, busing, sanitizing, visitor, supervision/duty, technology, etc.
- Continually update building and district guidelines (Strategies for a Safe & Responsible School Year)
- Ensure sanitation supplies are readily available.

# ***Plan A: In-Person Learning***



**All students in classrooms following guidelines and safety protocols.**

## **Transportation Expectations: Drivers**

- Conduct personal wellness checks prior to reporting to work.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional on school transportation.**
- Provide hand sanitizer so students can apply upon entering the bus.
- Follow routes and safety protocols developed by administration.
- Provide reminders to all students of bus expectations.
- Communicate with administration regarding bus safety incidents.
- Ensure the bus is disinfected prior to morning and afternoon routes.
- Assign seats to all student riders.
- Ensure that students arrive to their destination safely.

## **Transportation Expectations: Students**

- **\*Facial coverings are optional on school transportation.**
- Follow rules, guidelines, and safety protocols given by the bus driver.
- Remain in assigned seat and facing forward at all times.
- Utilize hand sanitizer upon entering the bus.
- Maintain physical distancing at bus stops.
- Enter and exit the bus in accordance to the bus drivers' rules and procedures.

# Plan A: In-Person Learning



All students in classrooms following guidelines and safety protocols.

## Teachers & Staff Expectations

- Conduct personal wellness checks prior to reporting to work.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**
- Ensure classroom setup provides physical distancing for students whenever possible.
- Ensure students maintain physical distancing whenever possible.
- Keep the classroom door open to maximize airflow.
- Supervise hallways and common areas to ensure protocols are being followed.
- Assist in the teaching and implementation of all new procedures and protocols for classrooms, restrooms, hallways, common areas, etc.
- Provide in-person instruction that is supported with weekly home expectations.

## District Nurse Expectations

- Conduct personal wellness checks prior to reporting to work.
- **\*Facial coverings are optional.**
- Communicate with administration federal, state, and county guidelines and recommendations.
- Assist with isolation and quarantine policies and procedures.
- Ensure each clinic is kept clean and sanitized.
- Ensure all safety protocols are followed for any and all students showing symptoms.
- Conduct health and wellness training for students and staff.
- Ensure immediate disinfecting is conducted following a student exiting a clinic.
- Communicate with administration and parents/caregivers regarding student health concerns.

# ***Plan B:***

# ***Remote Learning***



**Remote learning/instruction will be given by classroom teachers.**

## **Parent/Caregiver Expectations**

- Monitor student progress on coursework.
- Communicate with teachers, staff, and/or administration.
- Assist your child in developing a routine to complete coursework.
- Assist your child in submitting coursework if needed (especially lower elementary students).

## **Student Expectations**

- Report virtually based on classroom expectations.
- Participate in virtual sessions.
- Watch lessons/videos provided by teachers.
- Complete and submit assignments following timelines and due dates.
- Communicate questions and concerns with your teacher(s).

# ***Plan B: Remote Learning***



**Remote learning/instruction will be given by classroom teachers.**

## **Administration Expectations**

- Communicate regularly with staff, students, families, and the community.
- Provide support for teachers to assist in remote learning.
- Ensure students are equipped with the necessary technology to complete coursework at home.
- Ensure all buildings are thoroughly cleaned and sanitized and ready to return to school.

## **Teacher Expectations**

- Provide fully remote learning for your students.
- Follow district expectations for remote learning.
- Create engaging lessons.
- Be available for office hours.
- Provide timely feedback.
- Communicate with students and parents to ensure expectations are understood.

# *Mapleton Virtual Academy*



**High-quality, self-taught, individually paced, fully remote curriculum**  
[Jefferson County Educational Service Center - Online Curriculum Services with Mapleton teachers.]

The Mapleton Local School District realizes that some parents and caregivers may have concerns regarding students returning to in-person schooling and may desire a completely virtual learning platform. We are partnering with the Jefferson County ESC Online Curriculum Services to expand our existing Mapleton Virtual Academy, which will offer integrated K-12 courses that comply with Ohio's Learning Standards and are appropriate for each students' individual grade level.

- The Mapleton Local School District will provide a Chromebook to the student if needed.
- Students must have reliable Internet.
- Upon enrollment, students will be required to complete the 2021-2022 school year in MVA.
- Students will still have the opportunity to participate in extracurriculars and athletics.
- Students enrolled in MVA will continue to utilize this platform if the district would transition to remote learning.

To register, please complete the [Registration Form](#) before Friday, August 20th.

# COVID-19

# Mental Health Toolkit



**Tip 1:** Children look to adults for GUIDANCE. Keeping your stress in check can help manage kids' worries and anxiety.

**Tip 3:** TEACH children prevention strategies such as hand-washing and covering coughs. This reduces the risk of infection and gives children a sense of control, which can reduce anxiety.

**Tip 5:** STAY CONNECTED. Help kids address isolation and physical distancing by writing cards and letters, making crafts, and calling or FaceTiming friends and loved ones.

**Tip 7:** USE THE WEB RESPONSIBLY. Monitor use of social media. There are many online resources for kids to learn. Plan which websites are appropriate for your children.

**Tip 9:** BE ACCESSIBLE. Children need reassurance as the crisis progresses. Be honest and manage expectations. Let them know you are there and will help keep yourself and the family well.

**Tip 2:** ENCOURAGE children to ask questions and talk about their fears. This provides parents the chance to give age appropriate information.

**Tip 4:** ROUTINE & STRUCTURE are your friends. Involve children in creating their daily or weekly routine that includes: hygiene, learning, reading, exercise, play, mindfulness, and nutrition.

**Tip 6:** FAMILY TIME. Play board games, cards, checkers, and trivia games. This can help kids feel secure while keeping them connected. Involve kids in sanitizing these items after use

**Tip 8:** SELF CARE. Teach children about wellness. Build in time daily for rest and mindfulness activities such as yoga or meditation. Model relaxation techniques like reading a book or a watching a movie.

**Tip 10:** DON'T PANIC. The community's response to COVID-19 is evolving daily. Know where to get help and information to help maintain the mental wellness of your children and family.

More information about these Top 10 Tips for Parents & Caregivers during the Coronavirus Pandemic can be found within [Groundwork Ohio's COVID-19 Mental Health Toolkit](#).



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### **\*Revisions as of February 28, 2022**

*Effective February 28, 2022: Effective immediately per new CDC guidelines and the Ashland County community level at this time, facial coverings will be optional for the Mapleton Local School District in classrooms, buildings on campus, and on school transportation. (Pages 5, 8, 9, 10, & 11)*

### **Revisions as of October 13, 2021**

*Effective October 13, 2021: The Mapleton Local School District is **lifting** the mask requirement in buildings, effective immediately, and will go back to strongly recommending the wearing of a mask while in transition and in common areas while in buildings for students, staff and visitors. Masks will continue to be required while on school transportation. The wearing of a mask, along with other protocols, is intended to preserve the health and safety of our community, as well as in-person learning and extra-curricular activities. The number of positive COVID cases among students and staff will continue to be monitored daily. (Pages 5, 8, 9, & 11)*

### **Revisions as of September 13, 2021**

*Effective September 13, 2021: The Mapleton Local School District is now temporarily requiring the wearing of a mask in buildings effective immediately for all students, staff, and visitors. By implementing the requirement of wearing masks in buildings and on school transportation, we intend to preserve the health and safety of our community, as well as in-person learning and extra-curricular activities on campus. The number of positive COVID cases among students and staff is being monitored daily. This mask requirement will be reevaluated in 30 days. (Pages 5, 8, 9, & 11)*