

# The Madison Local School District

## School Reopening Plan

### Frequently Asked Questions

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*Check the Madison Local School District website for updates and information. Please understand that this is a dynamic process and information will change regularly.*

*This information is accurate as of July 20, 2020 and is subject to change based on guidelines from the Lake County General Health District, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Education, Governor DeWine and other federal, state and local agencies.*

#### **What methods of instruction will be provided?**

- Lake County COVID Level 1 or 2 (yellow or orange):
  - Option 1 – In person learning
  - Option 2 – Online learning
- Lake County COVID Level 3 (red): possible hybrid or full virtual learning
- Lake County COVID Level 4 (purple): All students on virtual learning.
  - Students are learning remotely facilitated by MLS staff

#### **If I start my child online can I move to in-person learning later?**

While the District understands and wants to be flexible, we must plan for a specific number of students. Therefore, changes to the method of instruction (in-person or online) will be made only at the end of a semester, unless medically documented reasons are provided.

#### **What are the in-person school day hours (in-person learning)?**

- Elementary student day – 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
- Middle School student day - 8:20 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.
- High School student day - 8:10 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

#### **Will there be changes to student attendance policies?**

The District must comply with the Ohio Department of Education's student attendance policies. Currently, medically-related absences are considered "excused" by the state.

#### **What are the in-person school day procedures?**

- Changes to our drop-off and pick-up procedures to limit visitor traffic inside each of our schools (to be communicated by each building).
- Health self-assessment at home (by parents). Students with a fever of 100 degrees or more or symptoms must remain out of school.

- All staff will be required to wear face coverings (unless prohibited by a physician).
- Students in grades K-12 will be required to wear a face covering (District will provide, if needed). If your child is not able to wear a face-covering due to medical reasons, you will need to submit a physician's note to the school office.
- Physical distancing will be practiced to the extent possible and feasible. Rooms will be rearranged to maintain physical distancing.
- Hallway travel and direction will be limited, to the extent possible.
- Travel from room to room (class changes) will be modified and limited, to the extent possible.
- Assemblies and other large group activities will not be held.

**How many students will be in a classroom?**

- The goal will be to have between 15-20 students in a classroom at any time, depending on the size of the classroom. Students will sit 3-6 feet apart in the classroom. Social distancing is the goal.

**What happens if a student or staff member exhibits symptoms during the school day?**

- Students and staff who exhibit symptoms during the day will be isolated and sent home.
- The Lake County General Health District will provide guidance as to next steps, which may require the closure of a building.
- We will be working closely with the health department as each situation arises.

**What happens if Lake County reaches level 3 or 4 or a school is closed by the health department?**

- It is possible and likely that we may be ordered back into a remote learning situation at some point this school year.
- If this happens, our expectations will be set much higher than what was experienced in the spring. This may include required Zoom-style meetings and specific teaching times, attendance checks, among other elements.
- The District will work with families to provide necessary equipment to access online learning.
- The guidelines above will be in place unless otherwise advised by the appropriate authorities.

**Will food service be available?**

- Breakfast and Lunch (grab and go) will be available daily for in-person learning and designated pick-up days for remote learning for those on free and reduced lunch.

**What are the cleaning and disinfecting protocols?**

- Custodial and Cleaning staff are going through training and professional development.
- The District purchased new disinfecting equipment for each building and is training cleaning staff on their use.

- Hand sanitizer stations have been set up in hallways, offices, classrooms, and common areas.
- Sanitizing wipes are in classrooms.
- Increased handwashing opportunities/requirements for students and staff.
- Limiting evening building usage which allows for increased access for custodial staff.
- Portable barriers (screens) for classrooms are being added where necessary.

#### **Will athletics continue?**

- The Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) oversees athletic activities and contests. The District will continue to comply with their guidance. We do not know if there will be athletic games, matches, or contests.
- Families who select option 2 (online learning) may still participate in District athletics provided they are eligible based on OHSAA rules.

#### **What about educational programs that take place outside of Madison?**

- We anticipate that programs such as Career Technical Education, College-Career Plus, special education programming, and learning at other locations will continue with modifications. Due to the individual nature and complexity of these programs, parents and students should contact building administration and/or your child's school counselor for more information.

#### **What about Preschool?**

- Additional communication will be provided regarding preschool.

#### **What about transportation services?**

- As always, we will offer transportation to and from school for those who qualify.
- We will sit students no more than two to a seat. Face-coverings will be required on buses.
- Drivers will regularly and thoroughly disinfect their buses.
- The District will ask families who do not intend to use transportation services to complete an opt-out form (on the District website) so the transportation department can better plan for the school year.

#### **Can I still volunteer in my child's school?**

- In order to minimize the number of people in our schools, we will not allow volunteers into the buildings.

#### **What if I have additional and/or individual questions?**

- Please check the District website regularly. Information is constantly changing and the District will provide information as quickly and as often as we can.
- Individual student questions should be referred to the school office. Staff begin returning on August 3rd .
- If your question cannot wait until the 3rd, please contact:

- Building Principals: [Ms. Kriegmont](#) (SES); [Mr. Mayer](#) (NES); [Mr. Brady](#) (MMS); [Mr. Fisher](#) (MHS);
- Special Education: [Ms. Catanese-Grimes](#);
- Transportation: CBS Transportation Phone: 440.428.9312
- Superintendent: [Mrs. Smith](#)
- Assistant Superintendent: [Mr. Bull](#)