



Brookfield Local School District

Tentative Reopening Plan 2020-2021 FAQ Sheet

Educational Options for the 2020-2021 School Year

Option 1- Traditional Face-to-Face Learning (Site Based Learning): Students will attend class in a regular school setting, with proper safety precautions in place. The number of “in person” days students attend will depend on which “Phase” the district is operating in, Green, Yellow or Red.

**All students are counted in this option, no need to inform your building & siblings will be in the same Cohort.*

Option 2- Distance Learning: Students will be educated from home, following the regular building schedule with their assigned classroom teacher(s) through their Google Classroom. These are the same Google Classrooms that every student will be utilizing during their Cohort’s home days, home sick or if we would be in our Red Phase at any point this year. This will make the transition back to Option 1 easier when the anxiety or health risk is gone.

Families that choose this option must commit for at least a 9 week grading period and notify their building principal beginning August 3rd.

Safety Precautions in the Building

- All students and staff will conduct a Health Assessment before leaving home for school. The district will have temperature scanning kiosks at our entrances and building offices.
- Hand sanitizer and disinfectant wipes will be provided in all entrance ways, classrooms, front offices, cafeterias and gymnasiums.
- Students in grades K-12 will wear masks in transition areas when social distancing cannot take place.
- All students will be required to wear masks arriving to school, on the bus, in the hallways and leaving school.
- All classrooms will have desk barriers for each student.
- Seats will be assigned in each classroom for the entire school year. This will aide in contact tracing if needed.
- Additional custodian added to the school day to clean high traffic areas throughout the day.
- The district is looking in to adding another school nurse to address possible health concerns.

Transportation

- Students will sit two to a seat on the bus and will be required to wear masks.
- Hand Sanitizer will be provided on all busses.
- Extra masks will be on hand if needed.
- If possible, sibling groups will sit together while on the bus.
- Seats will be assigned on the bus for the entire school year and the bus will fill up from back to front so students are not crossing paths with one another.

Confirmed Case Plan

- Follow protocol set forth by the Trumbull County Health Department. Students, their parents and staff who are exposed to someone diagnosed with COVID will be contacted by the Trumbull County Health Department as a part of contact tracing procedures.

Contact Tracing: Interactions of Less than 6 feet, without a mask, for more than 15 minutes.

- Schools will have an isolation room to be used for students exhibiting symptoms until they can be picked-up by a parent or guardian.
- The school district will not be allowed to identify specific students or staff who are exposed to or diagnosed with COVID due to federal privacy laws

FAQs for 2020-2021 School Year

What will cleaning look like in between classes?

Each student will be responsible for sanitizing their desk barrier before they leave the classroom. If students are switching classes, they will be able to sanitize their area again if they wish to do so. An extra maintenance staff member will be assigned to the school day to clean restrooms and high traffic areas in between classes.

Will the schools test for COVID-19?

No, it is illegal for the schools to test for COVID-19 or any other intrusive test.

Will we be notified if someone tests positive in our child's building?

Yes, you will be notified if someone in the building tests positive for COVID-19. Names WILL NOT be given. Contact tracing will be utilized (hence the importance of assigned seating). However, when the Trumbull County Health Department is notified we are required to share the name of the student or staff member.

How does the health department recommend we handle travel and vacations upon student return?

We would follow Ohio Department of Health guidelines. Sporting events would also be handled this way.

How will the district handle students or staff if someone in their immediate family is confirmed?

That person would be identified through case contact tracing and be made to quarantine for 14 days. No further action would need to be taken at school, except for a plan for educating the child while out.

If the county goes to red, will the health department make a decision to close all county schools?

No, the color of the county has nothing to do with school closures.

If the county goes to purple, will the health department make a decision to close all county schools?

No, the color of the county has nothing to do with school closures.

If there is a confirmed case and contact tracing shows several individuals meet the definition of initial contact (6' or less without a mask and 15 min or more), what are your recommendations for the individuals who came in contact with the affected person? Through contact tracing we would identify close contacts of the confirmed case. The health department will work with the district to see who would have met this criteria in the school setting. Anyone identified would be asked to quarantine for 14 days. No further action would need to be taken at school, except for a plan for educating the child while out.

What does our plan solve for the 2020-2021 school year? Options 1 and 2 provide daily instruction by a classroom teacher. We have options that meet the needs of all students. Options hold students accountable for daily work and assignments. Whether a student becomes positive for the flu, COVID-19, etc... they will still be able to participate in education with this plan.

How will student social emotional needs be addressed? We have purchased a SEL Curriculum program for K-12 that will work remotely, partnered with community-based mental health providers and added a full-time Guidance Counselor in each of schools.