



JOHNSTOWN-MONROE LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

RETURN TO SCHOOL PLAN 2020-2021

COVID-19 Pandemic

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Executive Summary



The Johnstown-Monroe Local Schools (JMLS) are preparing to return students to schools for the 2020-2021 school year with as much normalcy as is possible given the challenges associated with the COVID-19 pandemic. We are sensitive to the many challenges our parents, students and staff face in this most challenging of times. We are striving to implement the best safety protocols for those who choose to return to face-to-face instruction on our campuses while realizing that some of our students will benefit from continuing their education in a remote learning environment due to health and safety considerations. With this understanding, we will be offering two learning options for the 2020-2021 school year, in person learning and remote learning. This Return to School Plan defines learning options available to students, defines the various protocols and practices employed, and will assist in helping all understand how we must operate to provide instruction to our students until we defeat this COVID-19 pandemic.

School Calendar



In order to prepare our staff for the new safety practices and protocols, and provide additional training in the use of our new learning management system (Schoology, we are likely to modify the calendar for this year:

August 17: Staff Returns

August 31: K-12 First Day of Full-Day Instruction for Students

August 31-September 1: Staggered Kindergarten Start of School

September 2: All Kindergarten Report for Instruction

Because visitors are not permitted in the school, we can't accommodate parents walking children to classrooms for our In-Person learners. However, we are putting measures into place to allow for a safe and supportive transition to school for our kindergarten students on their first day of school.

We will not only divide the grade level into two groups to create smaller classes on the first day of school, we will also stagger arrival times for kindergarten students.

Kindergarten Schedule for First Days of School:

August 31 – Students with a last name that begins with the letters **A through J** will have their first day of kindergarten. (Students that report on September 1st will not attend on this date).

September 1 – Students with a last name that begins with the letters **K through Z** will have their first day of kindergarten. (Students that reported on August 31st will not attend on this date).

September 2 – All kindergarten students will have their second day of kindergarten, following the school schedule and drop off procedures outlined above for grades 1-5.

Staggered Start to the School Day for Kindergarten:

In addition to splitting up each class of kindergarten students, we will stagger arrival times on the assigned day.

Bus Students: Kindergarten students that ride a bus will arrive at school at the regular time (approximately 8:30). Teachers will meet the bus students in the bus parking lot.

Car Riders and Walkers: Kindergarten students that arrive by car will be dropped off through the carline. Walkers will socially distance on the sidewalk before going into the building with their teacher. To better distance, we will follow these arrival times for both car riders and walkers:

9:30 – Miss Cappitte, Mrs. Cook, and Mrs. Elsass's class

10:00 – Mrs. Shaffer and Mrs. Kobin's class

Learning Options for 2020-2021 School Year

IN-PERSON LEARNING

Students will return to the typical school environment and schedule. Increased health and safety precautions will be in place, including requiring all staff members and students in third grade and higher to wear facial coverings.

Students may be switched to remote learning if COVID-19 conditions worsen in a building, or throughout the district as mandated by the Licking County Department of Health or State of Ohio.

ONLINE LEARNING JOHNNIE LEARNING ACADEMY

Students will learn at home using a personally owned computer, or a district provided computer if needed. Johnstown Schools will deliver online learning via online lessons with teacher interacting with students. Depending on enrollment, some classes may be instructed virtually by JMLSD staff or other teaching staff contracted with the district. Students enrolled in this model may not have access to all classes that may otherwise be offered in the in-person learning option.



Switching Options

A continuous and consistent learning environment is necessary for student success. To ensure continuity in educational services and instruction, transfers from one learning option to another should not occur during the semester (August-December or January-May). Principals will have limited authority to make changes for students experiencing extenuating circumstances during the semester based on staffing and class sizes.

Blended/Hybrid Model Considered



At this time the Johnstown-Monroe Local School District will not be offering a blended/hybrid model in which different groups of students attend on different days. There is a higher risk of exposure with students of working parents/guardians potentially attending multiple childcare centers on days they are not in our school buildings. The district may consider a blended/hybrid option if COVID-19 conditions change in the coming year to the extent that the Health Department advises such a model.

State Alert System Impact

STATE ALERT LEVEL SYSTEM IMPACT ON INSTRUCTIONAL DELIVERY

While the State of Ohio COVID-19 Color Alert System will be utilized by the Ohio Department of Health to communicate the level of viral spread by county, **this system is not directly tied to any set movement of educational service delivery models within a school district.** The county health department will consider school district daily attendance data, as well as COVID-19 case status within each district, when advising/directing school districts on the need to move between educational service delivery models.

LEVEL 1 0-1 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 2 2-3 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 3 4-5 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 4 6-7 Indicators Triggered
Public Emergency Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

Johnnie Learning Academy Online Instruction for Students Who Opt Out of In-Person Instruction

 Online instruction for those students whose parents choose to opt out of in-person learning will be offered via the Johnnie Learning Academy with teacher interaction. The details of staffing will be defined by the number of students who opt out of traditional learning. The Peak Curriculum (currently used for grades 6-12) and the Schoology learning management system (grades K-5) will be used. The board and administration are committed to having teacher interaction with the Johnnie Learning Academy. More information will be forthcoming as we receive parent opt out commitments.

Should there be a time when the schools are closed and all students are moved to remote learning, the students who opted out for the Johnnie Learning Academy would stay in that program for the remainder of the semester. At the end of the semester the district will consider second semester options depending upon the status of the COVID-19 virus at that time.

The district is also working to utilize our paraprofessional staff to provide support interventions for in-person, online and full remote learning options.

How Do I Opt Out to Online Instruction for My Child?

 Those who select the online instruction option (via Johnnie Learning Academy) on the parent survey for their children, will be contacted to complete an agreement. This agreement will define the program and gather information necessary for setting up the service **for the first semester**. Once the contract is signed and returned, the students must stay in the online program for the remainder of the semester for continuity of instruction and due to set staffing assignments.

Remote Learning Defined



Remote learning will be utilized when it is necessary to close the schools. All K-12 students engaged in remote learning due to school closure will receive instruction using the Schoology Learning Management System with staff interaction. A single sign-on for students and the ability to communicate with staff directly through Schoology are two of the improvements put in place since the school closure during the 2019-2020 school year.

Remote learning is most successful when interactions between students, teachers, and guardians are frequent and consistent. Daily log-in, attendance at virtual meetings, and response to prompt teacher feedback are essential components of remote learning.

PLEASE REFER TO THE DISTRICT REMOTE LEARNING PLAN, LOCATED ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE FOR MORE DETAILS

Student Health Issues, Isolation and Confirmed COVID-19 Positive Cases



- **Parents are expected to perform all recommended health checks prior to each school day.** A Parent Symptom Checklist is available on the district website under the For Parents/Parent Resources tab.
- Any student with a temperature of 100.4 or higher should remain home or will be sent home.
- The duration of homestay for a child with a fever of 100.4 or higher is:
 - **Fever free (without medication) for 24 hours (one full day); and,**
 - **Improvement of all other symptoms for 24 hours.**
- Temperatures may be checked upon return.
- If a student tests positive for COVID-19, upon order of the Licking County Health Department, them and their family will be quarantined for 14 days. The Health Department will perform all contact tracing.
- To return to school, the child must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse.
- If a school has a confirmed case of COVID-19 in a student or staff member, the individual will be quarantined by the LCHD in accordance with CDC guidance.
- Licking County Health Department will work with the school administration to determine the best strategy to communicate information about the case to the staff, parents, and public while respecting the privacy of persons testing positive.

- The school district will post Johnstown School's specific data on the district website showing the number of student and non-student cases. No personally identifiable information will be released; however, we will report cases within our school district.
- 1 case of COVID-19 in a school building will not prompt an immediate shutdown. The Licking County Health Department will be carefully monitoring absences, positive cases, and exposures to advise if and when a school closure may be necessary.
- All confirmed cases will receive an isolation order from the Licking County Health Department.
- If a student or staff members is isolated and sent home the Licking County Health Department strongly recommends they contact their healthcare provider to determine if they should be tested for COVID-19 and for any additional treatment recommendations.
- The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends that if students have one or more of the following symptoms, they should remain home until they are symptom free for at least 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications.
 - Fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, when taken by mouth
 - Sore throat
 - New uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)
 - Diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain
 - New onset of severe headache, especially with a fever
- If your child is tested for COVID-19 they should not return to school until the test results are received. If the test results are positive for COVID-19, the LCHD staff will contact you to determine how long your child will need to be isolated to assist with stopping the spread of the virus.
- The LCHD staff will also work with you to identify your child's close contacts. They will also contact the school to identify possible additional close contacts. A close contact is someone who has been within 6' of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 for more than 15 minutes. All household contacts are considered close contacts. The LCHD will contact all identified close contacts and provide them with the necessary quarantine information.
- The fact that your child has symptoms consistent with COVID-19 does not mean they have a confirmed case of the virus. Only individuals who have laboratory confirmation of COVID-19 are considered confirmed cases.

PLEASE NOTIFY YOUR TEACHER

IF YOU FEEL ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SYMPTOMS



FEVER

100.4 F
or higher
when taken
by
mouth



SORE THROAT

Unexplained sore
throat



COUGH

NEW uncontrolled
cough that
causes difficulty
breathing

For students with
chronic
cough/asthma,
a change
in your cough from
baseline



ABDOMINAL PAIN

Diarrhea
Vomiting
Pain



HEADACHE

New onset of
SEVERE
headache,
especially with
a fever

Be responsible. Keep others healthy.

Isolation Areas for Symptomatic Students

Schools will be required to designate isolation areas for students that show symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day. This will remove students from classrooms and other places within school buildings and reduce possible exposures to COVID-19.



- The clinic should only be used for medical treatment of students and staff.
- If a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, he/she should be isolated in a designated area immediately, and they should leave school as quickly as possible.
- After a symptomatic student leaves school, the high touch areas of the designated isolation area should be cleaned and sanitized.
- Any individual who is symptomatic should contact his/her healthcare provider as soon as possible.

Face Coverings



Wearing a facial covering is an important safety step we can take to protect others. Virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity speaking, coughing or sneezing. Face coverings are mandatory for all staff and students grades K-12. There may be times when the State of Ohio or Licking County Health Department may require facial coverings in all public places.

- Facial coverings will be required for all staff at all times when in the buildings. Two reusable facial coverings and one facial shield will be provided to teachers and other employees who work directly with students in situations where it is necessary for students to see their face.
- Facial coverings will be required for students and staff unless they are unable to wear one for a health or developmental reason **as determined by a medical doctor**. Said medically excused students and staff will wear a face shield in place of the other facial coverings. Face shields may not be used as a school wide substitute under current state orders as they are not as effective at controlling the spread of virus as the other types of facial coverings. Medical doctor notes for facial covering exemptions are to be maintained in a secure file for inspection by the health department upon request.
- Parents will provide the facial coverings for students and the buildings will maintain a supply of facial coverings for emergencies. The district may also acquire a supply of logo facial coverings that can be purchased by parents for themselves and for the students.

- Nurses will maintain a supply of one use facial coverings for symptomatic students who require isolation while awaiting parent pick up.
- Facial coverings are required for all students in the hallways, restrooms, common areas (when not eating) and on buses. They are not required while in motion during active play at recess or in physical education classes.

Arrival at School



- It is important that students **not** congregate when arriving to school in order to reduce possible contact with other students who may be infected with COVID-19.
- Students are to be screened for symptoms by their parents prior to being sent to school. The Licking County Health Department is providing a checklist that can be placed on home refrigerators for parents to use when screening their children daily.
- When students arrive, they should go directly to the room where their first class is held.
- In rooms where a sink is available, all students should wash their hands upon arrival. If a sink is not available, hand sanitizer should be available to the students.
- Students should socially distance when standing in line waiting to enter a room. Physical markers should be in place to assist with students understanding where to stand.
- Parents should not congregate when dropping students off or picking them up from school.
- Breakfast provided by schools should be served to students in the cafeteria.
- School personnel should monitor all areas where students may congregate and keep them from congregating to ensure social distancing.

Classroom Seating and Protocol



Students spend the majority of their day in class learning from their teachers. Unfortunately, the vast majority of classrooms are not designed for 6' social distancing. Without this type of design, it will be difficult to keep students from being considered a close contact should one of their classmates become infected with COVID-19. The guidance below is designed to minimize the number of students and teachers who would need to be quarantined if a confirmed case of the virus is identified in their class.

- Students should have assigned seating in classrooms, and the seating chart should not be changed during the school year.
- Desks should be spaced apart to the extent possible to achieve 6' social distancing whenever possible; however, students should be separated by a minimum of 3'.
- All desks should be positioned so that students are not facing each other.
- Students should remain in the same group as much as possible throughout the day, and steps should be taken to minimize intermingling of students during a school day. (This will vary for middle and high school).
- Teachers should “travel” to classrooms to minimize student intermingling in hallways.
- Teachers should remain 6' from students whenever possible to minimize potential exposures to COVID-19.
- Desks and high touch surfaces should be cleaned and sanitized at least one time during the school day, when school ends and more often as needed.
- Students should not share items such as pens, pencils, crayons, markers, etc.
- All equipment and supplies used by multiple students (i.e. science lab equipment, gym equipment, computer labs, etc.) should be cleaned and sanitized after each use.
- Students should not congregate in a library, and a “mobile library cart” should be used to allow students to choose books from their classroom. All books should be wiped down when they are returned.
- Students in grades 3-12 are required to wear face covering during the school day unless they meet one of the exemptions provided by ODE.
- Teachers and staff are required to wear face covering in accordance with the Ohio Department of Education's (ODE) requirements unless they meet one of the exemptions provided by ODE. A face shield can be used by a staff member in place of a mask as long as it covers a staff members'

entire face and extends beyond his/her chin and is necessary to perform instructionally or perform a specific task.

Playgrounds



LCHD understands the importance of students needing to be outside and physically active during the school day. The use of playgrounds during recess will be allowed, but some restrictions will need to be put into place to assist with reducing the spread of COVID-19.

- Students should remain with their individual classes and not intermingle while on the playground as much as possible.
- Teachers and other school staff should maintain proper social distancing while supervising students on the playground.
- Specific classes should be assigned specific locations on a playground to play.
- Playground equipment and other high touch surfaces should be cleaned and sanitized at least daily depending on weather and usage.
- Games and other equipment used during inside recess should be sanitized after each use.
- Students should socially distance in a single file line that minimizes intermingling when going to recess and after recess ends.
- Hand washing or hand sanitizing will be required before/after recess.

Food Service



Lunch is also a critical part of the school day. Lunch should be served in the cafeteria to allow students the chance to leave their classrooms during the day. *This will also minimize the areas in a school building where food will be consumed and could potentially require additional cleaning.*

- Lunch should be served to students in the cafeteria.
- Students should socially distance in line and physical markers should be used to assist students with understanding where to stand in line.
- Students in the same class should sit at the same table.

- Students should have assigned seating and, if possible, sit next to the students they sit by in class to minimize student intermingling.
- Hand sanitizer should be made available to students prior to eating and after eating.
- Increased staff presence to help ensure social distancing during lunch is recommended.
- Lunch tables and desks where students eat lunch should be cleaned and sanitized before and after each use
- Teachers should not congregate and eat lunch together.
- School lunches will be provided to students qualifying for free/reduced lunch when receiving Johnstown Learning Academy instruction or when school is in full Remote Learning. Details for meal pick-up will be arranged by the Food Service Department and information sent to qualifying students.

Visitors/Vendors

Visitors will only be allowed in buildings in extenuating circumstances and will be required to wear a facial covering at all times when authorized to enter. When it is necessary for a parent or other visitor to drop off or pick up a student, or deliver/pick up an item, provisions should be made to conduct such activity in the main front vestibules of the building by arranging a specific time with the building secretary.

There are different levels of school visitors, and the building administrator or secretary will make decisions for each situation.



Safety protocols such as taking temperatures may be implemented for anyone entering a school facility.

The use of volunteers in the school buildings during the course of the instructional day will be suspended during the pandemic except in extreme situations where the administration deems it absolutely necessary.

When it is necessary for service vendors to enter the building they are required to follow all established staff protocols for safety.

During the course of the COVID-19 pandemic, it will be necessary to suspend activities such as assemblies, parties that involve food being brought in, events such as family nights, and grandparent day, etc. Every attempt will be made to substitute virtual activities that celebrate these cherished events without visitors and products coming into the facilities.

Transportation



- Parents are encouraged to transport their children to and from school when possible to allow for the maximum social distancing on the bus. We realize this may cause longer drop off and pick up lines at our buildings; but, the fewer students on the bus the better social distancing we can maintain.
- All students will be given assigned seats (drivers are required to have assigned seating lists updated and available at all times).
- Students will be expected to use provided hand sanitizer when getting on and off the bus.
- High contact areas on the buses will be disinfected between runs.
- Each bus will be thoroughly disinfected at the end of each day.
- Licking County school districts, under direction from LCHD will allow two students per seat except that three students living in the same household may be seated together.
- Face coverings are required for drivers and all students (Strongly recommended for K-2 students) riding the bus. The district may refuse to transport a student who refuses to wear a face covering.
- Districts may adopt state minimum requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation.

General Safety Precautions



The district has invested in equipment, supplies and training to implement effective cleaning, disinfecting and protective coating throughout our schools. We have been utilizing electrostatic equipment to provide regular microbial disinfecting on all contact areas and will be using the same electrostatic equipment to apply to all contact areas a protectant that does not allow bacteria/virus to live on the surface.

Custodians are tasked with the duty of cleaning high contact areas of each building throughout the day when school is in session in addition to the regular cleaning that is performed each evening.

Social Distancing will be practiced to the greatest extent possible.

Hand sanitizer and disinfecting wipes will be made available in classrooms and common areas.

Students will be educated on the importance of hand washing, hygiene, not touching faces, social distancing and the wearing of facial coverings.

Classroom doors will remain locked but open to promote the flow of air as much as possible.

Water fountains will be closed. Water filling stations will remain open for students to fill their own water bottles which they are encouraged to bring.

Students will be required to bring their own school supplies, rather than sharing with the class.

Field Trips



There is a moratorium on field trips until such a time when the Health Department would advise that it is safe for such activity to continue. We encourage our staff to work to develop virtual field trips for students in the meantime.

Extracurricular and Co-Curricular Activities



All athletic events and practices will be conducted in accordance with guidance provided by the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, Licking County Department of Health and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

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Johnstown Athletics Community Update

To members of the Johnstown Community:

In order to protect our loved ones from the COVID-19 virus there will be a number of changes instituted to our athletics programs this season. The health department and government officials are required to conduct regular inspections of our events in order to ensure that all safety mandates are being followed, and that our community is doing its utmost to prevent spread. If they conclude that our community is unable to conduct ourselves safely, they have the authority to prevent our athletes from competing, and spectators from attending events.

Any use of school facility will require participants to:

- Wear facial coverings of nose and mouth.
- Remain socially distant.
- Sanitize hands frequently.

Spectators at all events will be limited:

Only close family and loved-ones of the student/athletes may purchase tickets to attend games in person. Each student/athlete is given a set number of tickets for purchase.* All ticket-holders will be seated in the same household group that is assigned a distance of 6ft from all other household groups; for that reason there will be **NO EXTRA TICKETS**, even if all four tickets are not used for a particular game.

TICKETS will be \$7 for all VARSITY contests and \$5 for all JV/8th/7th grade contests. We will not be able to honor staff family passes, Golden Johnnie passes, or season passes.

*Please consult with your student/athlete to learn the specific ticket limits for their sport. When teams are away the ticket limit can change.

All spectators must wear a facial covering at all times:

Wearing a mask or other facial covering is the best way to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The Ohio Department of Health has mandated that all spectators wear approved face coverings while inside athletic facilities.*

*This includes our outdoor stadium, softball, and baseball fields.

All participants will sanitize their hands frequently:

Hand sanitizer will be available at stations around the stadium and on the sideline. Spectators, athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers are expected to sanitize frequently.

Concessions:

Concessions will be limited to a smaller menu and staff. All patrons will be asked to line up with 6ft of distance between parties, which will be clearly marked on the ground. Hand sanitizer will be provided to patrons.

Restrooms:

Restrooms will be available to patrons as usual. Every other sink will be blocked to ensure proper distancing between users.

There will be no spectators allowed on the school grounds during football games:

Due to the strict regulations in the government order allowing our athletes to return to play, **we cannot allow any spectators outside of our stadium on football Friday nights.** The grounds of the schools will be closed to all except ticketed spectators, essential personnel, and participants.

There will be no congregating before, during, or after contests and performances:

All spectators, athletes, coaches, officials, and trainers will refrain from meeting in social groups for extended periods of time. Spectators will be asked to proceed directly to their vehicles following all athletic contests, and standing in aisles or breezeways during games will be limited.

Events will be LIVESTREAMED!

Because of the major spectator restrictions, and the fact that many high-risk individuals will choose not to attend athletic contests for health reasons, the OHSAA has temporarily granted schools permission to broadcast athletic events **LIVE**.



Football Friday Night \$20 at Storiedrivals.tv

[CLICK HERE TO SEE LIVE BROADCAST SCHEDULE](#)

All community members decide if our athletes continue to play:

The support of this community has made Johnstown Athletics one of the most successful and resilient programs in the state of Ohio. Without your support we will not be able to continue, and our season may be cut short. Please do your utmost to abide by the regulations we have put in place for the health and safety of our Johnnies.

**DUE TO COVID-19
WE ASK YOU TO STAY AWAY SO
THAT WE CAN PLAY.**

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WHEN WE CAN COME TOGETHER AGAIN AS ONE JOHNNIE NATION.

Athletic COVID-19 Safety Protocol



COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Following the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) order issued on August 19, 2020 Johnstown Monroe Schools will follow the protocols below regarding spectator attendance and ticketing guidelines for the Fall of 2020. The guidelines below are meant to provide every student athlete the ability to have their immediate family be able to watch them compete this fall. With a variety of facilities in our league, there are bound to be variances in availability of tickets based on the venue. ODH Order can be found [HERE](#)

COACHES/ATHLETES

- Face coverings must be worn by all personnel at all times (coaches and athletes) unless they are actively participating (warm ups/match play)
- Symptom monitoring sheets/temperature checks must be utilized when players arrive to facility or bus -No locker rooms will be available; please come dressed to the facility
- Social distancing must be maintained when not on the field
- Visiting Teams must supply their own water, Players are not to share water bottles
- Please refrain from close huddles, high fives, handshakes/fistbumps, etc.
- Game balls will be sanitized at pre-game, halftime, and post-game

- Hand sanitizer will be provided for the home and away team

OFFICIALS/GAME WORKERS

- Face coverings must be worn by officials when entering/exiting the facility
- Face coverings must be worn by game workers at all times

INCLEMENT WEATHER

- In the event of inclement weather, the visiting team will be housed in their bus, the home team will be housed in the Commons; cleats must be taken off before entering the building.
- Officials will be housed in the main office of the building or in their personal vehicles

SPECTATORS

- Each student athlete has been given an amount of tickets for their close family members that will be seated together in the stands.
- Seating for four will be designated where spectators are allowed to sit. Seating has been measured to maintain 6 feet of social distancing
- Face coverings must be worn at all times
- Spectators must self-assess symptoms prior to arrival. If they are experiencing any Covid-19 related symptoms, they are asked to stay home.
- Spectators are expected to maintain social distance while in the facility
- Spectators are expected not to congregate following the match

FACILITIES/CONCESSIONS

Please see attached documents for traffic flow and concessions plans.

- No concessions will be sold at Johnstown Soccer or Volleyball events

COVID-19 ISOLATION PROCEDURES

- Student-athletes, Coaches, Officials, Game day staff and Spectators must stay home if they feel sick, have any COVID-19 symptoms, have contact with anyone with COVID-19 or have tested positive for COVID-19
- Student-athletes, Coaches, Officials, Game day staff and Spectators who have come in close contact with individual who tested positive for COVID-19 (within 6 feet for at least 15 minutes) must self-quarantine for 14 days following exposure
- Any student-athlete, coach, official, game day staff or spectator who becomes ill or develops symptoms will be isolated and asked to seek medical care. Individual will be taken to their vehicle or the baseball dugouts adjacent to the soccer complex
- School administrator of suspected individual will contact their local health department

- Student-athletes, parents, coaches and administrators will work with local health boards to identify individuals potentially exposed to facilitate contact tracing
- If affected individuals participated in competitive play, the school must notify all opponents played between the date of positive test (date when test taken) and two (2) days prior to the onset of symptoms, plus insure all local health boards are notified.
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19, whether symptomatic or asymptomatic, shall not return to sports activities until a documented medical exam is performed clearing the individual prior to the individual returning to participation in practice or contests. The documented medical exam must specifically include an assessment of the cardiac/heart risk of high-intensity exercise due to the potential of myocarditis occurring in COVID-19 patients.

TRAVEL EXPECTATIONS

- Students should arrive 15 minutes before departure
- Students must line up outside of the bus, 6 feet apart with masks on
- Coaches must complete the Covid Symptom Checklist and do a temperature check
- If someone has a temperature (100.4 or higher) or symptom, two options:
 - If the athlete only has a temperature, have them sit in a shaded area for 5 minutes. Re-check their temperature
 - If the student continues to have a temperature or any other related symptom please remove them from the line and have them contact their parents to pick them up immediately
 - Once students are cleared, they may enter the bus

When boarding the bus, they must keep their own equipment/bag with them, there should be only one athlete per seat (if possible), masks should not be taken off, and everyone must sit in the same seat to and from the destination.

State Assessments

-  Awaiting final guidance from State of Ohio on how they will handle testing in the 2020-21 school year.

Third Grade Guarantee

-  Awaiting final guidance from State of Ohio on how they will handle testing in the 2020-21 school year.

Staff Evaluation



We are in the process of moving to OTES 2.0, potentially for the 2020-21 school year. While we continue the process of developing an MOU and discussing the same with JEA, we also await further guidance from the state relative to conducting teacher evaluation during times when schools are on remote learning.

Symptomatic Staff and Students/Qualifying Exposure to a Person with Confirmed Positive COVID-19 Test Results/COVID-19 Diagnosis



Unfortunately, there is a likelihood that a confirmed case of COVID-19 will be diagnosed in a student or staff member in a school during the 2020-21 school year. If this should occur, LCHD will work with school officials and parents to isolate the individual and conduct contact tracing. For an individual to have a confirmed case of COVID-19, they must have laboratory confirmation that they have the virus.

- If a student or staff member is found to have a confirmed case of COVID-19, he/she will be placed into isolation by LCHD.
- The isolation time period will vary and will be based on the individual.
- LCHD will provide written and verbal communication to the parents of any students with a confirmed case of COVID-19 and to any staff member who is diagnosed with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- Students and staff will not be permitted to return to school or school activities until their isolation period has ended and official documentation is received from the Licking County Health Department.
- Any individual waiting on results from a COVID-19 test should not return to school while the test results are pending.
- If a staff member exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, he/she should notify their supervisor and leave school immediately.

Contact Tracing by Licking County Department of Health



All close contacts of individuals who have a confirmed case of COVID-19 need to be identified so that they can be properly quarantined to help prevent the spread of the virus. To be classified as a close contact, an individual must be within 6' of an individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19 for at least 15 minutes. All close contacts will be contacted by LCHD and provided with a quarantine notice.

- If a confirmed case of COVID-19 is identified in a student or staff member, LCHD will contact the school in order to determine close contacts of the individual with the confirmed case.
- All individuals who meet the definition of a close contact will be quarantined for 14 days from the date of their exposure to the individual with a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- LCHD will provide written and verbal communication to the parents of all close contacts of a confirmed case of COVID-19 and to any staff member that is identified as a close contact.
- All schools should have assigned seating for students in class, during lunch, and during other activities to assist with identifying possible close contacts.
- Students and staff will not be permitted to return to school or school activities until their quarantine period has ended and official documentation is received from the Licking County Health Department.

Staff Work Day



Teachers will need to be in their classrooms to receive students as they arrive directly into the building and go to their rooms without gathering. We will be working with JEA to adjust staff times if necessary to accommodate procedural changes related to control of the COVID-19 virus.

Nursing and Isolation Areas



Schools are required to designate isolation areas for students that show symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day. Symptomatic students will be removed from classrooms and other places within school buildings and reduce possible exposures to COVID-19.

- The clinic should only be used for non-COVID-19 medical treatment of students and staff.
- If a student exhibits COVID-19 symptoms during the school day, he/she should be isolated in a designated area immediately, and they should leave school as quickly as possible.
- After a symptomatic student leaves school, the high touch areas of the designated isolation area should be cleaned and sanitized.
- If a staff member exhibits COVID-19 symptoms, he/she should notify their supervisor and leave school immediately.
- Any individual who is symptomatic should contact his/her healthcare provider as soon as possible.

Use of Lockers

 The school district is considering alternatives to the use of lockers for the 2020-21 school year to reduce touch points and reduce the gathering points for students in an effort to respect social distancing and control the spread of virus in this time of pandemic. Many districts are not allowing the use of lockers; but, we want to explore all alternative prior to making that decision. More direction will be provided on this issue by each building principal when parents and students receive final instructions closer to the start of school.

Special Needs Students (Gifted, IEP and 504 Students)

 The Johnstown-Monroe Local School District remains committed to providing families an opportunity to have meaningful participation in the IEP and 504 processes. Whether in person or an alternative format (i.e. videoconferencing or by phone), teams will partner with families to determine the most practical format to conduct annual meetings.

If a family of a student with a disability chooses to enroll in remote learning, the student's IEP or 504 Team will convene to consider possible changes to the student's IEP/504 plan to address programming and services in this alternative format. The District may not be able to make all classes, programs, services, and supports available in a remote environment. While students will have access to many accommodations, please note that some accommodations may not be possible to implement in the remote educational setting.

Gifted services will be offered through both settings with the regular education teachers who are trained to teach gifted students.

Communication with Licking County Health Department



The Licking County Health Department (LCHD) will work with schools in order to communicate critical information regarding COVID-19 throughout the school year. Additionally, LCHD will develop messages that will be distributed to parents and staff members, and information will be posted on LCHD's website and social media sites.

- LCHD requests that each school building designates a liaison regarding contact tracing and confirmed COVID-19 cases. LCHD will provide contact info that will be provided to the liaison in order to minimize communication barriers.
- Schools are recommended to provide absenteeism data at a building level to LCHD daily and include the number of students/staff that are sent home due to exhibiting COVID-19 symptoms.
- Increase communication encouraging more students to walk or bike to school.
- LCHD will develop trainings for school staff members to assist with the implementation of this guidance.

Vision Screening



During the 2020-2021 school year, preschool/K-12 schools must ensure to comply with local Public Health Alert System guidelines, local advisories, and local school districts to determine when to initiate or resume vision screenings.

[Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Supplemental Vision Screening Guidance – Preschool/K-12 Schools](#)

Hearing Screening



During the 2020-2021 school year, preschool/K-12 schools must ensure to comply with local Public Health Alert System guidelines, local advisories, and local school districts to determine when to initiate or resume hearing screenings.

[Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Supplemental Hearing Screening Guidance – Preschool/K-12 Schools](#)

Resources



- [Licking County Department of Health Return to School Guidance](#)
- [Licking County Schools Common Reopening Agreements](#)
- [Ohio Department of Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](#)
- [State of Ohio COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools](#)
- [State of Ohio Responsible Restart Ohio: Contact Sport Practice and Non-Contact Sport Competitions Guidance](#)
- [Ohio Department of Health Orders and Guidance.](#)