



EATON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS 2021-2022

SAFE RETURN TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AND CONTINUITY OF SERVICE PLAN

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEW YEAR

- This document contains important information for families.
- Please read each section carefully for the procedures and protocols.
- This document represents the best planning possible at this time.
- All necessary changes will be communicated with families directly.

The ECS plan is that ALL students attend school IN-Person, five (5) days a week, for the 2021-2022 school year!

BACKGROUND

EXPIRATION OF HEALTH ORDERS AND CURRENT REQUIREMENTS

- On June 1, 2021, the Ohio Department of Health Director's Orders impacting schools were rescinded.
- The Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the OHIO Department of Health have communicated recommendations (not requirements).
- School districts receiving American Rescue Plan funds are required to develop a plan to return to school. This plan is posted on the Eaton Community Schools website.

WHAT WILL SCHOOL LOOK LIKE IN 2021-22?

- Students will see a return to school that resembles pre-pandemic learning environments.
- ECS will continue spacing in each classroom and lunch room that will resemble something between pre-pandemic and the 2020-21 school year.
- Cleaning protocols using EPA registered sanitizers and disinfectants will continue to be used, multiple times, each day; this includes classrooms, restrooms, cafeteria tables, and other high-touch points.
- Students will continue regular handwashing throughout the day and hand sanitizer stations will continue to be available in each classroom. Other sanitizing stations will be available throughout the buildings and in school transportation vehicles, both in buses and vans.
- Traditional lunches will be served and eaten in the cafeteria. Spacing will resemble something between pre-pandemic and the 2020-21 school year.
- All extra-curricular activities will operate without any restrictions.

MASKS

School Buildings

- Per the Ohio Department of Health and the Preble County Health Department it is strongly recommended that staff and students, vaccinated or not vaccinated, are to wear a mask.
- Currently, students and staff members **will not** be required to wear a mask.
- This is subject to change if masks are mandated by local, state, or federal authorities.

MASKS, CONTINUED

Extracurriculars, Volunteers, and Other Events

- Per the Ohio Department of Health and the Preble County Health Department it is strongly recommended that visitors wear a mask.
- Currently, visitors will not be required to wear a mask.
- This is subject to change if masks are mandated by local, state, or federal authorities.

TRANSPORTATION

School buses

- In accordance with federal regulations, all students and staff will be required to wear a face mask when riding on district owned buses or vans. Eaton Community Schools has done its due diligence researching and consulting with our school attorney on all of these related issues. School districts do not have an option regarding masking on school transportation. The school district faces the possibility of significant penalties if the federal regulations/requirements are not followed.

TRANSPORTATION, CONTINUED

- Students will have assigned seats.
- Hand sanitizer stations are provided in school transportation vehicles including buses and vans.
- School buses will be sanitized between routes on a daily basis with EPA registered sanitizers and disinfectants, including after school activity trips.
- If families choose to transport their children, please complete this information on Final Forms. If families have a change of mind and choose to utilize Eaton Community Schools Transportation later during the school year, please call the Eaton Community Schools Transportation Office.

QUARANTINES AND VACCINATIONS

Quarantines

- Quarantine
- As a result of HB 244, vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals cannot be treated differently by public schools. Individuals who test positive are mandated to quarantine and isolate for ten (10) days from initial symptoms. This is mandated by ODH/PCHD.
- As a result of Senate Bill 22 (SB 22) and Ohio Revised Code section 3707.11 only a Board of Health Department or the authority having the duties of a Board of Health may issue a quarantine or isolation order under this chapter. This quarantine or isolation applies to those who have tested positive with Covid or individuals who have been determined to have come directly in contact with the individual who tested positive with Covid.
- When notified of a positive test, the school district will work to identify close contacts and consequently contact the parents to let them know the school believes their child has been in close contact with an individual who tested positive for Covid. The school will recommend that the parent contact the Preble County Health Department for further direction. If the individual does not quarantine for the 10 day period the school strongly recommends/encourages the individual wears a mask.
- Although not required this school year, Eaton Community Schools will notify parents via letter when a staff and/or student in their child's classroom has tested positive with Covid.
- No staff or students are required to have a COVID-19 vaccination.

FACILITIES

Water Fountains

- Just like the 2020-21 school year, students and staff will be permitted to use bottle filling stations. Water fountains will not be available for use.

FACILITIES, CONTINUED

Ventilation

- HVAC control systems throughout the buildings have been upgraded to provide the maximum amount of fresh air possible as well as increase the air exchange rates.
- HVAC systems are monitored by our staff and remotely by an HVAC Controls Specialist.
- HVAC filtration has been upgraded with high quality air filters to reduce airborne particles and allergens. Filters are replaced at regular intervals.

Hand Sanitizer Stations

- Hand sanitizer stations are available in each classroom, school bus, and hallway.

GENERAL SCHOOL OPERATIONS

Field Trips

- Will be allowed and planned by buildings under normal procedures and mask requirements will be followed if needed by location.

Extracurricular Activities and Athletic Events

- We are planning to have all activities as normal.
- No limit on spectators attending events.
- No restrictions in place.

GENERAL SCHOOL OPERATIONS, CONTINUED

Performing arts

- Students will be participating in performing arts as normal.
- No requirement to wear mask or social distance.
- Performances will resume to a traditional schedule.

Assemblies, Open Houses, Conferences, and Non-Instructional Activities

- Resume under normal procedures.

COVID SYMPTOMS

You might have COVID-19 if you experience one or more of the following:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills

Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear 2 to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

COVID SYMPTOMS, CONTINUED

- Anyone with symptoms or a temperature above 100 degrees should stay home.
- Please do an at-home check with your students in the morning.

AUGUST 23RD = 1ST DAY OF SCHOOL!!

We look forward to seeing our students back in school on August 23, 2021!

We understand there may be questions---Please reach out:

- Jeff Parker, Superintendent
- Teresa Woodin, East Principal
- Kip Powell, Bruce Principal
- Brian Camp, Middle School Principal
- Scott Couch, High School Principal
- Ross Dearth, High School Assistant Principal