



ASHLAND CITY SCHOOLS

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American Rescue Plan: Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Services Plan

The purpose of this document is to provide information for the Ashland community and staff regarding the safe return to in-person learning. We will continue to update as new information is provided.

Staff Vaccine Information

Ohio Department of Education-K-12 School Staff Vaccination Program:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/K12-School-Staff-Vaccination-Program>

Ohio Department of Education-Frequently Asked Questions COVID-19 Vaccine:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/general-resources/frequently-asked-questions+covid-19-vaccine>

Facility / Sanitizing

-For questions regarding cleaning procedures and/or facility maintenance and sanitizing refer to the following resources:

- School Restart Protocol: [https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/ACS%20Restart%20Protocol%20Chart_updated8_20\(2\).pdf](https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/ACS%20Restart%20Protocol%20Chart_updated8_20(2).pdf)
- Student Day Overview Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqtjFAZimpw>
- Classroom Sanitation Protocol: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bNvZdos9gwc>
- Hypochlorous Acid: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pniSY7T-i_M

The cleaning materials being used throughout the buildings have minimal odor similar to household clearing products..

Our HVAC system is able to be set at up to 100% outside fresh air for all of our PreK-12 buildings.

Directions on how temperatures are taken will be posted at each building.

Social Distancing & Mask Wearing

Mask Wearing

The Ashland City Schools has adjusted the masking wearing policy to reflect the most recent guidelines from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). The ODH rescinded the mask wearing order on June 2, 2021. Mask wearing for visitors, staff, and students in the schools or on school property is optional. However, if students or staff are feeling ill or demonstrate symptoms of the COVID 19 virus, the wearing of a mask is encouraged to contain the spread of illness. Additionally, if you have been exposed or suspect you have been exposed to the coronavirus, it is recommended you wear a mask. Absent new mandates from Ohio's Governor DeWine, this change will remain in place until further notice.

-For questions regarding social distancing and face coverings (masks) refer to the following resources:

- School Restart Protocol: [https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/ACS%20Restart%20Protocol%20Chart updated8 20\(2\).pdf](https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/ACS%20Restart%20Protocol%20Chart%20updated8%20(2).pdf)
- Student Day Overview Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MqtjFAZimpw>

Social distance requirements are 3 feet apart for those wearing a mask and 6 feet apart when feasible.

A student may wear a face shield if there is documentation from a medical care provider.

Student or Staff Illness Procedure

-For questions regarding student or staff illness procedures refer to the following resources:

- Screening, Isolating and Excluding Students and Staff During a Pandemic: [https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/Ashland--screening--isolating-and-excluding-students-and-staff-during-a-pandemic%20\(2\).pdf](https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/Ashland--screening--isolating-and-excluding-students-and-staff-during-a-pandemic%20(2).pdf)
- CDC Recommendations for sneezing/coughing: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/pdf/protect/cdc_cough.pdf
- Ashland City Schools has been assigned a health department nurse who will be communicating with the district nurse regularly. The district nursing staff will remain intact in all school buildings for the coming 2021-2022 school year.
- If a student is not ill, but must be isolated due to a directive by the health department or a primary care physician, the student will be able to complete assignments while at home.
- All students will have access to the Canvas Learning Management System. If a child becomes sick, or has to isolate or quarantine he/she will be provided the resources and time to complete their work based on the absence policy for student illness that has been present in the past. Some work could be completed through Canvas. The teacher

will work with the family as has been done previously when a student would be absent from school for multiple days.

- If a student is a remote learner and becomes ill and cannot complete work on a given day, the family should contact the teacher to notify them so that accommodations can be made.

This information is provided by the Ashland County Health Department.

If a student or staff member is placed in isolation or quarantine, the school district will be provided a letter by the health department. The individual will work with the Health Department to conduct contact tracing, as done with everyone infected with a communicable disease, to determine who all they had significant contact with during a set timeframe. The school district will work with the health department during this process. The length of isolation is dependent upon when their symptoms resolve. A person who is placed in quarantine is someone who had significant contact with a positive individual, as determined by a public health official. Those in quarantine should remain at home and report their health status daily to a public health nurse. If a person who is in quarantine tests positive, they are now in isolation.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Please refer to each building's newsletters for specific times and procedures for arrival and dismissal. For students that arrive at the middle school during 0 period, they will report to their homeroom. For students that arrive at the high school during 0 period, they will be directed to the cafeteria, gym, or the commons area.

Students will not be using lockers to begin the school year at Taft, the middle school and high school. These procedures may change once the school year gets started. Students will be allowed to carry their backpacks with them throughout the day.

Dismissal at the middle school and high school will begin with bus riders and then car riders and walkers.

Lunch

Lunch procedures will be provided to parents through building newsletters. Students who are not eating lunch at the middle school and high school during a section of time will be in classrooms. At this time the district is choosing to serve cold lunches to the students and will be evaluating this process as the year progresses. There are microwaves available for students who bring an item from home to be warmed up.

There are no specific guidelines for a student who brings lunch from home. Students are allowed to bring lunch as they have done in the past.

Transportation

-For questions regarding transportation refer to the following resources:

- Transportation Protocol: <https://www.ashlandcityschools.org/sites/ashlandcityschools.org/files/files/Transportation%20Protocol.pdf>
- Student Day Overview Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgtjFAZimpw>

Continuity of Service

To identify learning gaps or below grade-level deficits due to the pandemic, students will be administered universal screeners in Mathematics and English Language Arts (ELA). Once universal screener data has been collected, students identified below grade-level will receive further diagnostic assessments to pinpoint individual learning needs. A multi-tier system of support will be utilized to close the learning gaps. Students will receive up to 30 additional minutes daily of intervention in Mathematics and/or ELA as needed. Evidence based interventions will be used to support learning and students will be progress monitored to ensure growth toward learning goals. After school tutoring and summer programs will be offered for the next 2 years to meet the academic needs of students.

Also, additional appropriately licensed teachers will be hired to provide the needed tiers of service. Five (5) licensed teachers will be added to the teaching staff to support student learning in ELA and Mathematics. Teachers will be trained in evidence based strategies and supported by instructional coaches across the grade levels. The additional teachers will provide the targeted instruction in small group settings and will monitor student progress while collaborating with the classroom teachers to provide a continuum of service to meet individual student learning needs.

Appropriately licensed long-term substitute teachers will be hired to provide a continuum of learning for students. Long-term substitute teachers will be trained in the school's protocols and methods for learning. These teachers will fill a crucial gap when a teacher is absent for a day or a few days and student learning needs to continue consistently.

Social Emotional Learning (SEL)

The district will continue its commitment to supporting the emotional and social wellbeing of students and staff. For the past several years, the district has undertaken the process of educating students and staff about trauma informed care. The educational community will continue to learn more about building resiliency through the [Search Institute](#) model of using the 40 developmental assets. Additionally, a coordinator for SEL has been added to the staff and an additional school mental health therapist has been employed to offset the effects of the recent pandemic.

For building specific questions please contact:

- Ashland High School Principal, Josh Packard 419-289-7968
- Ashland Middle School Principal, Matt White 419-289-7966
- Taft Intermediate School Principal, Steve McDonnell 419-289-7969
- Edison Elementary School Principal, Krist Manley 419-289-7965
- Reagan Elementary School Principal, Nicole Brodie 419-289-7967

For questions regarding Little Arrows Preschool or Students with Disabilities please contact Dr. Tammy Stevens at 419-289-4507.

For transportation questions please contact Doug Shipper, Transportation Director, at 419-281-6961.

For questions regarding CARES Act funding please contact Linda McKibben, Deputy Superintendent, at 419-289-1117.