



Lincolnview Local Schools announces reopening plans for the 2020/21 School Year

2020-21 School Calendar – Face-To-Face Instruction

- The first day of school for students K-12 will be Monday, August 24th. The original start date of August 19th has been moved back by three days to allow additional teacher in-service days to help prepare for the first day of school.
- Kindergarten students will have their first day of staggered start sessions on Monday, August 24th – August 26th with first full day on August 27th for all students.
- Latchkey services for students (K-6) will be offered each morning starting at 6:00 a.m. and after school until 5:30pm. Please call Lincolnview Elementary at (419)-968-2351 to register.
- Breakfast will continue to be offered each morning for all elementary, Jr. High, and high school students beginning at 7:45am.

ASSESSING SYMPTOMS:

- All students, caregivers, and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school each day. Individuals with symptoms of illness or a temperature over 100 degrees are asked to stay home.
- Symptom Checklist: Symptoms range from mild to severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus and they may include: 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; and diarrhea.
- Temperature checks will only be administered if a student has already arrived at school and reports that he/she is not feeling well.
- We expect parents/guardians to administer temperature checks before sending their child(ren) to school.
- All district staff members will receive additional education and training regarding COVID-19 precautions. All staff will be given the list of COVID-19 symptoms and will work with our school nurse.
- If a child is suspected of, having symptoms of COVID-19 after being evaluated by our school nurse, then the student will be moved to a designated isolation room.

- Parents will be contacted and the child will remain in the isolation room until the parents/guardian arrives.
- The Van Wert County Health Department guidelines will then be followed regarding return to school.
- A remote learning option will be available if a child experiences an extended absence from school due to be isolated/quarantined. This will consist of an educational plan created by the student's teacher(s) and informed to the student using an online platform.

HAND WASHING:

- Extra hand-hygiene stations will be available throughout the district.
- Studies show that hand washing is the most effective way to eliminate germs; therefore, students will receive increased opportunities and promptings to wash their hands.
- Sharing materials among students will be eliminated wherever possible. When sharing materials is necessary, proper sanitation will take place between uses.

SANITATION OF FACILITIES:

- All buildings, classrooms, offices and buses will receive regular to extra cleaning and disinfecting to promote healthy environments. Frequently touched surfaces, doorknobs, handrails, etc. will also receive special attention.

PRACTICING SOCIAL DISTANCING:

- In the school setting, social distancing for students at times may be difficult due to class sizes, space constraints, and available resources. School personnel will do their best to accommodate social distancing guidelines by extending the distance between students as much as possible.
- We have added visual reminders throughout the building to help students remember social distancing protocols.

FACE COVERINGS:

- On August 4, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine issued a health order that all K-12 children wear face coverings in school districts. In following this Ohio Department of Health order all of our students will be required to wear a face protection (shield or mask) with a few exceptions for health concerns (next page). If you feel like your child may qualify for one of the exceptions, please contact the building principal.

List of exceptions:

- Any child unable to remove the face covering without assistance
- A child with a significant behavioral/psychological issue undergoing treatment that is exacerbated specifically by the use of a facial covering (e.g. severe anxiety or a tactile aversion)
- A child living with severe autism or with extreme developmental delay who may become agitated or anxious wearing a mask
- A child with a facial deformity that causes airway obstruction.

Students may wear a face covering of their choosing (masks, face shield, or scarf mask).

- All staff members are required to wear face coverings inside the school buildings. Wearing a face covering when alone in designated workspace or classroom is up to the individual staff member.

PHYSICAL ED., RECESS AND VISUAL/PERFORMING ARTS:

- Health professionals agree that all individuals need physical activity and encourage increased time outdoors, when possible.
- All physical education, recess, and visual/performing arts classes (band, music, art, choir, etc.) will resume with as much distance as possible provided for all individuals.

LUNCH PROCEDURES:

Elementary

- Lunch boxes will be kept in student lockers or book bags when not being utilized.
- Lunches will be held in the school cafeteria and students will sit with the maximum distance apart from one another while eating.
- Recess equipment will be sanitized (balls, jump ropes, classroom equipment, etc.)

Jr. High/HS-

- Middle and high school student's lunchroom will now utilize the high school gymnasium as their new designation for lunch. Students will also sit the maximum distance apart from one another while eating.
 - In order to social distance, the bleachers will be pulled out and used within the gymnasium.
- Until further notice, our lunch periods will be closed to visitors. Parents/family members will not be able to join their children for lunch.

VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS:

- All visitors and volunteers will be kept to a minimum.
- Anyone entering the building will be restricted to the main office area only and will be asked to wear a face covering.

TRANSPORTATION:

- Students riding on our buses will be required to wear a face covering unless the student has a health reason documented by a licensed healthcare professional that would be exacerbated by wearing a face covering.
- *We will allow* two students per seat, or in some rare instances three students per seat, if the students are younger and therefore, smaller.
- All students will be assigned a seat and siblings will be instructed to sit together in assigned seats to assist with potential contact tracing.
- Parents may choose to transport their child(ren) to/from school daily if they prefer not to use bus transportation provided by the district.
- We will plan to continue to provide transportation for athletes to/from contests, but they too will be required to wear face coverings.
- At this time, field trips will be suspended; however, we will evaluate this option as the school year progresses.

- Bus drivers will be required to wear face coverings while driving, unless the driver has a health reason documented by a licensed healthcare professional that would be exacerbated by wearing a face covering.
- School personnel will sanitize our buses immediately following each route or trip.

Student Drop-offs

- No parents will be allowed in the building in the morning unless there is a scheduled meeting. Meetings should be scheduled by phone or email.
- Students in grades K-6 should not be dropped off until 7:45am unless they are part of the Latchkey program and/or eating breakfast in the cafeteria.
- Students in grades 7-12 should not be dropped off until 7:30am and they will go directly to the High School gym and kept in the gym until 8:05am. They will be allowed to go to breakfast at 7:45am.

Student Pickups.

Elementary

- Parent pick-ups will be dismissed at 3:05pm as normal.
- We will not, at this point in time, allow parents to come into the building and in the hallways until school is dismissed. We are asking all parents to wait either outside or in your car until the doors are unlocked at 3:00pm.
- Parents will enter the elementary entrance and proceed to the school cafeteria to pick up their child, like we have done in past years and leave promptly after sign out to support local/state guidelines.

Jr. High/HS

- Elementary students who are riding home from school with an older sibling (Jr. High or High School) need to be picked up and signed out in the elementary cafeteria by the older sibling. The older sibling's name should appear on the Family sign-out form. Students who are not picked up will be sent to the Latchkey Program. Parents will be assessed a fee for Latchkey Program services.

Classroom Procedures

- Teachers will distance desks/students as much as possible. Seating charts will be accurately maintained.
- Hand sanitizer will be accessible in classrooms.

- Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to limit water fountain use. Drinking fountains can be used to refill water bottles.
- Library books will be sanitized when returned to the library.

ON-LINE LEARNING EDUCATIONAL OPTION (NOVA):

- An On-line learning program called NOVA will be available for students (K-12) who are unable to attend the school building for their educational instruction due to their health concerns or health concerns for immediate family members. Parents who desire for their child to participate in this program and not send their child to in-person school here at Lincolnview are requested to contact the respective Elementary or Jr. High/High School office beginning Aug. 3. Following the contact, parents will receive additional information regarding the on-line learning program called NOVA.
- NOVA offers the benefits of online schooling and flexibility with the benefits of public school. Students enrolled in NOVA are eligible for middle and high school activities including sports, band, chorus, and other extra-curricular activities. Students completing the required coursework will graduate from their local school with a high school diploma.
- Online courses are different. Instead of learning by listening, you will learn by doing; by reading, writing, and performing other activities specially designed by the course.

➤ In online courses, students "attend" class by visiting the class web pages and completing assignments according to the class schedule.

➤ This class format is very flexible for busy schedules. Students can often log on to the course at any time of the day (or night). However, certain computer skills and a degree of determination are necessary to be successful.

➤ To learn more about NOVA please visit their website at:
<http://www.abc-nova.org>

➤ Families will need to enroll their students into NOVA no later than August 12th.

➤ If a family chooses the NOVA on-line option, students will need to complete the entire 9-weeks. They would have the opportunity to return to their respective grade level at the end of the 9-weeks or continue with NOVA instruction.