

OAKWOOD SCHOOLS

Fall 2020 Reopening Plans

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Developed in collaboration with Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County, Montgomery County Educational Resource Center and school administrators from Montgomery County and other various Ohio school districts.

OUTLINE of Reopening Plan:

Oakwood Schools is committed to providing quality learning opportunities in a safe environment within the District's means while consistently re-evaluating and adjusting as needed. We believe the best place for our students this fall is in the school setting, to the extent possible. COVID-19 has many effects, but one thing is for certain, it has shown the important role our schools play within the community. We understand COVID-19 has changed the world, and as a result, it will change the way in which we operate our schools moving forward.

Our students' and staff's well-being, including their physical and mental health, and safety, must continue to be at the forefront and addressed in every aspect of reopening. While health and safety will continue to be central to all decisions we make, we are also concerned about our students' mental wellness and academic development. We recognize the long-term impact of the virus and are committed to monitoring the COVID-19 situation in order to act responsibly in this very fluid time. We are also committed to providing off-site instruction opportunities, when necessary.

In order for any plan to be successful, we must be able to collaborate with and count on our partners. Education has been and continues to be designed like a four-legged stool. Each leg must be balanced and doing its share of the work to keep the stool steady and working properly. For this plan to be successful, we know the school, families, students and community must each do its part, working together to provide quality learning opportunities in a safe environment for our students.

Although the District and each school building has safety protocols in place, students who attend school will incur a level of risk. The District will utilize hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures in each building in an attempt to decrease the likelihood of infection, but a certain level of inherent risk of being in a public place cannot be eliminated.

Oakwood Schools has developed two learning options, allowing for families to choose what is best for them. Option 1 is a plan to return to face-to-face instruction in the school buildings. Option 2 allows students to attend school full-time online.

Preface

By order of Gov. Mike DeWine and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, all schools in Ohio were closed for the remainder of the school year beginning March 16, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Leaders from all 16 Montgomery County public school districts have worked together to develop critical conditions, while providing a safe and healthy environment, for students to return to school in the fall of 2020. Those critical conditions include:

- Keeping as much distance as possible between and among students during school hours
- Installing shields where possible in buildings and offices where the need is most critical
- Allowing districts to make policies regarding the use of face coverings as it relates to each situation, environment, people involved and activity taking place
- Establishing highly engineered sanitizing processes including, but not limited to, cleaning high touch surfaces and frequently traveled areas
- Developing a contingency plan for all or some students to participate in off-site instruction, when needed
- Training staff in hygiene practices to limit disease spread
- Advocating for staff and students to stay home when not feeling well, as well as performing daily health assessments
- Taking temperatures, to the extent possible
- Evaluating building operations including, but not limited to, flow of traffic in the building, use of classrooms/cafeteria/restrooms/public areas, operational times, visitor procedures, etc.
- Communicating with parents and community regarding COVID-19 protocols, safety and health practices
- Transporting students under guidelines similar to public transportation guidelines

Key Points

Using a three-phase design process, Oakwood Schools has developed a comprehensive plan for students and staff to return to school in the fall of 2020 that includes the following key points:

- Adjusted school calendar
- Kindergarten will be half-day instruction for the 2020 - 2021 school year
- No field trips
- No visitors except for what is described in the visitor portion of the plan
- An identified quarantine room in each building
- Staff teaching and modeling healthy and safe habits (i.e. good handwashing, physical distancing, cough and sneeze etiquette)
- Daily health assessments – students and staff must self-check temperatures prior to reporting to school
- Daily sanitizing of touch surfaces
- Face coverings required for all staff and students (i.e. face masks, face shields, etc.)

- Safe, social and physical distancing to the extent possible
- Contingency plan for off-site instruction
- Reopening Plan communicated and available for all students, staff and families

Schedule Adjustment

The start of school schedule will be adjusted to provide the opportunity for transition time for students and their families, technology work and training, student assessment, and advanced training for staff.

- Aug. 10 Staff Training Full Day, no students
- Aug. 11 Staff Training a.m./PreK-12 by appointment p.m.
- Aug. 12 PreK - 12 by appointment
- Aug. 13 PreK - 12 by appointment
- Aug. 14 PreK - 12 by appointment
- Aug. 17 First day for all students

Learning Options

- **Option 1: Face-to-Face Instruction**
 - Amount of in-person contact time will be guided by Montgomery County’s designation on the Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System and determined by District administration.
 - Full-Day Instruction - students will follow a full schedule in the buildings with normal start and end times
 - Half-Day Instruction - students will attend school five days a week for half day (either a.m. or p.m.) sessions
 - Off-site Instruction 2.0 - no classes will be held in the buildings. All students will work off site.
 - Blended Learning strategies will allow instruction to transition between full-time face-to-face, part-time face-to-face and off-site instruction as guided by the Public Health Advisory Alert System and determined by District administration.
 - Kindergarten will be half day only for 2020 - 2021 school year.

- **Option 2: Online Instruction**

- SchoolsPLP offers a flexible system with various curriculum options to customize the learning experience.
 - A list of course offerings will be made available.
 - Oakwood staff will assist families with scheduling.

Additional Proactive Measures for School Reopening

Oakwood Schools is developing a cleaning schedule to disinfect high touch surfaces and frequently traveled areas throughout the day and at the end of the day. In addition, the following proactive measures are being taken:

- Expansion of 1:1 (one student to one device) program to eliminate shared devices
- Plexiglass barriers installed in each building's main office
- Hand sanitizing stations installed at all main building entrances and high touch point entrances
- Outside drop boxes installed at each building for paperwork return
- Thermoscan thermometers available to staff to take student temperatures if necessary

Student/staff member diagnosed with COVID-19

Oakwood Schools will follow procedures developed in collaboration with Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County. Once the school is aware of a staff member or a student who has tested positive for COVID-19, Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County will be contacted.

- A positive case will prompt a case investigation on potential close contacts.
- The District will cooperate with PHDMC in contact tracing to identify close contacts of the case of COVID-19.
- PHDMC and the District will develop a letter to contact those who have been in close contact with the person identified as testing positive for COVID-19 and provide the needed information.
 - Definition of close contact: someone within 6 ft. of a case for at least 15 minutes during the contact window.
 - Definition of contact window:
 - Symptomatic case - 48 hours before symptom onset date until the date the case is isolated.
 - Asymptomatic case - 48 hours before the specimen was collected until the case was isolated

Student health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19

Students experiencing other illnesses can return to school if:

- They have been fever-free for 72 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication
- Detailed protocol is being developed with Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County.
- To return to school, a parent must transport the student to school and the school nurse must check the student. Temperatures will be taken upon the student's return to school.

Visitors, Volunteers, Events and Meetings

- Visitors will be discouraged from visiting school district facilities.
- Safety protocols, such as taking temperatures, will be implemented for all visitors.
- All visitors will be required to wear face coverings.
- No visitors will be allowed during lunch.
- In-person meetings must be pre-arranged by invitation or appointment only.
- Meetings by phone or video conferencing are encouraged.
- In-person family events will be limited.
- Student events will be held in person when possible requiring face coverings and social distancing with limited family participation in a highly structured environment.

Classroom Occupancy

- Changes will be made to classrooms to create more personal space (reduce furniture, spread out desks, define areas, etc.).
- Students will face the same direction in classrooms as much as possible.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance, maximizing the amount of safety considerations possible.
- Face coverings will be required for all students and staff.

Transitions

- Students will be required to report immediately to classrooms upon entering schools and not allowed to congregate in hallways or common spaces.
- Every effort will be made to practice safe social and physical distancing during class changes or transition times in each building.
- Face coverings will be required during transition times.

Outdoor Time

- Each building will make every effort to maintain consistency with safety procedures.
- Some playground equipment may be limited and restricted if considered “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.
- Students must sanitize their hands before returning to the building.
- Face coverings may be required during outdoor time..

Food Service on Full-Day Instruction Days

- Students are encouraged to pack a lunch. Sack lunches will be available for purchase on full-day instruction days only.
- No visitors will be allowed at lunch.
- No commercial food deliveries will be permitted during the school day.
- Students in grades 1-6 will eat in their classrooms on full-day instruction days.

Transportation

- Large buses will reflect Kettering City Schools’ transportation guidelines.
- Face coverings will be required for all drivers and students.
- Seating charts will be required to assist with contact tracing, if needed.
- Each building will determine specific arrival and dismissal procedures.
- Vehicles will be sanitized after each morning and afternoon route.

Reference materials:

- [The Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](#) - Ohio Department of Education
- [Pediatricians, Educators and Superintendents Urge a Safe Return to School This Fall](#) - American Academy of Pediatrics
- [Guidance for Montgomery County Schools](#) - Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County
- [Ohio Public Advisory Alert System](#) - Ohio Department of Health
- [Ohio Public Advisory Alert System - Summary of Alert Indicators](#) - Ohio Department of Health
- [Childcare, Schools, and Youth Programs: Plan, Prepare, and Respond](#) - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Timeline

Date	Activities
July 2	Receive state safety protocol guidelines
July 9	Receive county safety protocol guidelines
Throughout July	Continue working on reopening plan
Week of July 6	Share proposal with focus groups
July 7	Send follow-up planning survey
Week of July 13	Share plan with staff, families and students
July 27	Spring loaner devices returned & Device waivers due
July 27	Deadline for families to submit student intent forms
Throughout July and August	Continue detailed planning
Week of Aug. 10	Device distribution
Week of Aug. 10	Orientation activities
Aug. 10	Teachers report to work
Aug. 10 - 11	Staff training
Aug. 11 - 14	Student Appointments (PreK-12)
Aug. 17	First Day of School PreK-12

****This plan is subject to change based on directives from the Gov. DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health and/or Public Health Dayton & Montgomery County.***