

School Reopening Information for Families









Detailed information available at www.centerville.k12.oh.us/back-to-school-2020

Learning Options

As we wrap up the first semester in a remote learning environment, we are looking forward to the remainder of the 2020-21 school year. As we look toward second semester, families will have two learning options: face-to-face instruction in school buildings or fully remote learning from home.

Prevent the Spread of Disease

Prevention is a key strategy with any illness, such as influenza or coronavirus, so it is important to both protect yourself and take measures against spread to others. The CDC recommends these everyday actions to help prevent the spread of disease:

-  Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after touching any frequently used item or surface. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
-  Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
-  Stay home when you are sick. Do not go to work or school. If someone in your household has tested positive for the coronavirus, keep the entire household at home.
-  Sneeze or cough into a tissue or the inside of your elbow.
-  Avoid close contact with people who are sick, especially if you are an older person or someone with a serious underlying health condition.
-  Disinfect frequently used items and surfaces as much as possible.
-  Get a flu vaccine.
-  Pick up your child promptly should they become ill during the school day.

Travel Advisory: Limit travel to areas reporting large numbers of COVID-19 cases.

Health and Safety Protocols

- 1** **Stay home if you're sick!** Students should be screened by a parent/guardian at home each day before entering school or the bus. (See next page for more information.)
- 2** **Face coverings** are required for K-12 students. A face covering is a piece of fabric, cloth or other material that covers the wearer's nose, mouth and chin simultaneously and is secured to the wearer's face by elastic, ties or other means.
- 3** **Social distancing** will be practiced whenever possible. Classrooms will be reconfigured and hallway travel will be modified to maximize distancing as much as possible. Schedules will be modified to reduce transitions and limit the number of students each person comes in contact with daily.
- 4** **Frequent hand washing** will be encouraged. Hand sanitizer will be available throughout buildings.
- 5** **Touchless water bottle filling stations** will be available in each school building, and students are encouraged to bring water with them each day. Other drinking fountains will be disabled.
- 6** **Enhanced cleaning procedures** have been implemented in all of our buildings. Cleaning supplies and disinfectants are available to clean work spaces as needed.
- 7** **Alternate spaces are available** in all buildings for students who may be experiencing COVID-19 related symptoms while awaiting parent pick-up.
- 8** **For suspected/confirmed cases**, Centerville Schools will follow guidance from Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County and Dayton Children's Hospital to identify close contacts and the need for isolation or self-quarantine. The district will share data about the numbers of confirmed cases and direct exposures on its website each week.

Daily Home Screening Checklist

Students should be screened by a parent/guardian at home each day before entering school or the bus. Staff will self-screen for symptoms prior to coming to school.

Monitor your temperature daily and screen for any COVID-19 symptoms, including fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, and/or diarrhea.

The following symptoms indicate a possible illness, which may decrease your child's ability to learn and also puts them at risk for spreading illness to others. **Please check your child for these symptoms each day.**

- Does your child have a temperature of 100.4 degrees or above?
- Does your child have sore throat?
- Does your child have new loss of taste/smell?
- Does your child have a new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for students with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline)?
- Does your child have diarrhea, vomiting or abdominal pain?
- Does your child have a new onset of severe headache, especially with a fever?
- Has your child had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 (within 6 feet of an infected person for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period)?

If you've answered YES to any of these questions, KEEP YOUR STUDENT HOME.

Please notify the school office with the reason for the absence. Contact your healthcare provider for further guidance.

Reporting Positive Case/Exposure

If your child has tested positive for COVID-19 or has had close contact with a person with confirmed COVID-19 (within 6 feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period), please keep your child home, report the absence to your child's school and use this online form to report the positive case or exposure **within 24 hours:**

tinyurl.com/ccscovid19reporting

When Can My Child Return?

Families should follow these guidelines before a student returns to school. Please note that non-COVID-19 illness exclusions will be based on recommendations of the individual healthcare provider or nurse assessment.

Please keep your student at home if they are COVID positive, have been identified as a close contact or have COVID-19 symptoms. Follow the guidance of the public health department or your healthcare provider. Isolation and quarantine timelines may be extended depending on individual cases.

POSITIVE COVID-19 TEST WITH SYMPTOMS

- Fever-free without medicine for 24 hours; and
- Other symptoms have improved; and
- At least 10 calendar days have passed since the symptoms first appeared

POSITIVE TEST WITHOUT SYMPTOMS

- At least 10 calendar days have passed since positive test result

SUSPECTED COVID-19 ILLNESS WITHOUT TESTING

- Fever-free without medicine for 24 hours; and
- 10 days after symptoms onset, and the improvement of other symptoms

Due to these unusual times, we may be sending students home more frequently for symptoms of illness, as caution is necessary to help limit transmission of COVID-19. **Please have a plan in place to have your student picked up promptly when needed.** In the event a student cannot report to school in-person, the student may continue learning and stay connected with their teachers and classrooms remotely. Thank you for your willingness to help us maintain the health and safety of our students and staff.