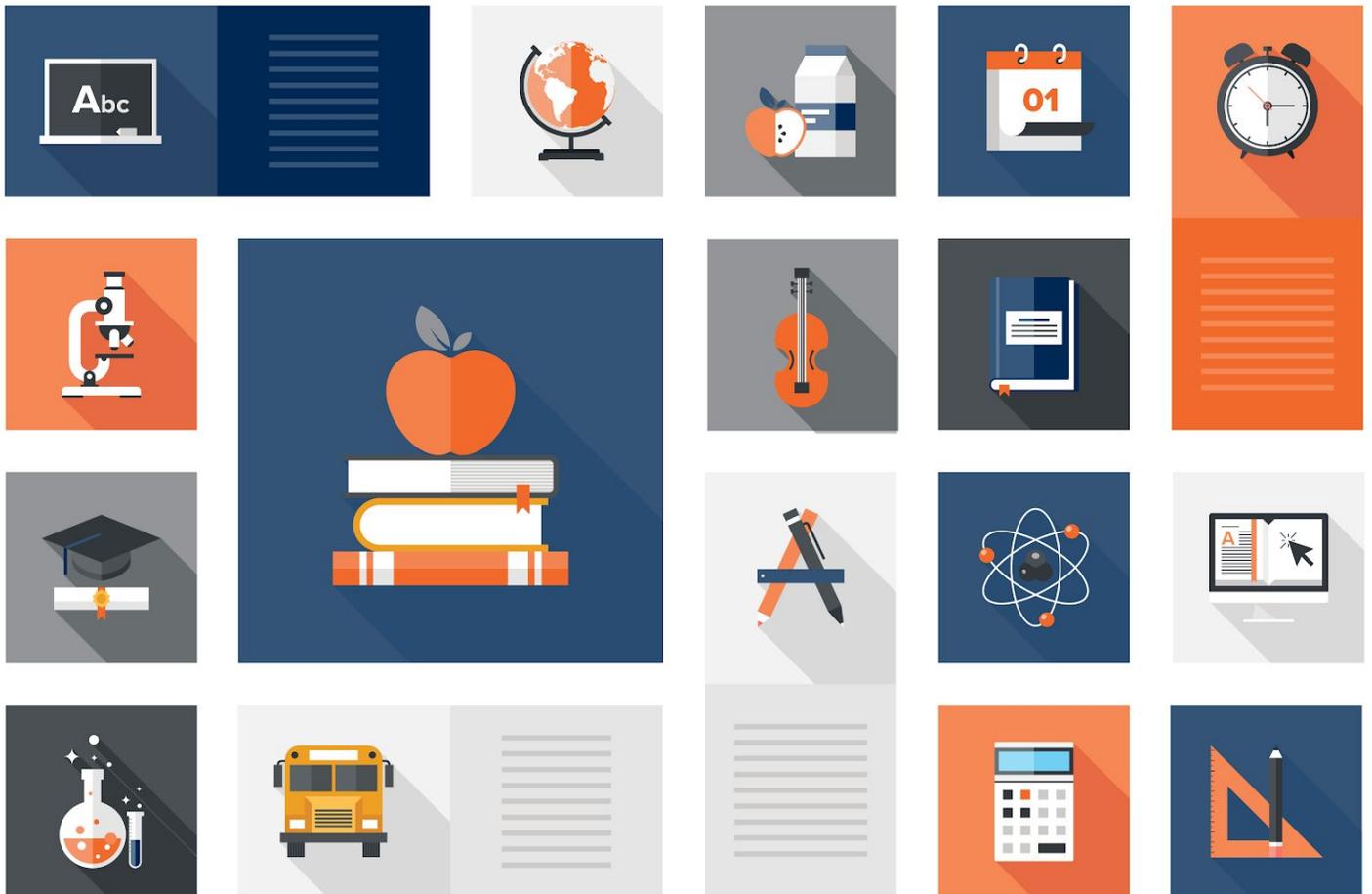




2020-2021

Responsible Reopening





2020-2021 Responsible Reopening

Since March 2020, the COVID-19 situation has continued to develop and much has changed over that time. It also remains to be seen how the situation will continue to evolve as we approach the beginning of the school year. Given this, the District's 2020-2021 Responsible Reopening plan is based on **FLEXIBILITY**.

It is also grounded in the following guiding principles:

- Provide in-person instruction for all attending students as much as possible
- Provide a fully online 100% virtual option for K-12 students
- Be prepared to accommodate our youngest learners, those with special needs, and our most at-risk students
- Be prepared to return to remote learning at any time due to COVID-19
- Continue to follow guidance from ODH, ODE, OHSAA, and the Cuyahoga County Board of Health

Governor Mike DeWine issued guidance for the reopening of K-12 schools for the 2020-2021 school year. The [Ohio's Reset-Restart Planning Guide](#) focuses on the following five areas that schools are recommended to comply with:

- Assessment of symptoms
- Washing and sanitizing hands
- Cleaning and sanitizing surfaces
- Physical distancing measures
- Face coverings

2020-2021 District GOAL

To provide the **BEST** possible education during the COVID-19 global pandemic to **ALL** students in grades PK-12 without sacrificing the **HEALTH** and **SAFETY** of our **STUDENTS** and **STAFF**.

This plan is a fluid, guiding document that will continue to evolve and change as the situation around does. The District will communicate additional information as updates are available.

2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR START DATE, OPEN HOUSES, ORIENTATIONS, SCHEDULES, & SUPPLY LISTS

The Berea Board of Education approved moving the first day of classes for grades K-12 to **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th**. Kindergarten will start **Wednesday, September 9th**. The pushback of the start date will allow for additional staff workdays to prepare for our reopening. We are still determining the timing and format for our typical open houses, orientations, and schedule pick-ups. We are also in the process of re-evaluating school supply list requirements.

UNDERSTANDING REMOTE LEARNING VS. VIRTUAL LEARNING

This document will mention both remote learning and virtual learning. It is important to understand what each term means with regards to your student's learning.

Remote Learning: A shift from in-person learning to online learning.

COVID-19 may suddenly shift an individual student, a class, a grade level, a school, or the entire district to remote learning at any given time due to a quarantine or closure. Students can go back and forth between in-person and remote.

- Follow Cuyahoga County Board of Health direction
- A shift could also be caused by teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism increases and substitutes are not available

Virtual Learning: 100% online learning option for families who prefer a virtual education.

Families who choose 100% virtual learning must be able to provide internet service for their student(s) to complete lessons. Students ALWAYS remain VIRTUAL!

Option 1 » In-person Instruction

K-12 STUDENTS FULL RETURN 5 DAYS A WEEK

- Students in grades 3-12 and all staff will be required to wear a face covering. Face coverings will be highly recommended for students in grades Pre-K-2. Face coverings will also be required at school activities and while riding a school bus. The District is required to allow waivers under certain circumstances, e.g., medical or developmental reasons. A detailed face covering policy is being developed and will be shared in early August;
- Procedures will also be in place to increase hand washing and enhance sanitization procedures for school buildings;
- Physical distancing guidelines will be followed with 6 feet of separation when possible and at least 3 feet between desks in classrooms;
- BCSD will design learning that may look different in order to reduce classmate interactions/play, the structure of the daily schedule, limit the number of classroom changes as well as the use of large spaces such as cafeterias, media centers, and gyms;
- BCSD will strive to decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated;
- In-person instruction will be based upon Cuyahoga County's current level on [Ohio's Color-Coded System](#). The system assesses the level of spread in our area in order to better guide us to determine appropriate actions to take to ensure the health and safety of our students and staff. Available information currently indicates that if the county were to enter "Level 4 Purple" that the District would shift to Remote Learning.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PROTOCOLS

Health and safety of students and staff is at the forefront of our work, and the Berea City School District continues to utilize the most up-to-date guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP). Recommendations for safety protocols are expected to be continuously evolving and the protocols below will be modified as needed based on current guidance, research and best practices.

PREVENTION PRACTICES

In alignment with guidelines from the CDC, ODH, and CCBH:

- » Students and staff who are ill or exhibiting any symptoms of illness should not come to school or work.
- » Staff and students who have been exposed to a person with confirmed diagnosis of COVID-19 should follow current CDC recommendations to stay home and monitor their health (per CDC guidance, exposure is considered to be within six feet of the diagnosed individual for 10 minutes or greater).
- » Recommended hand sanitizer will be provided in all high traffic areas, including entrances to buildings and classrooms. Sanitation wipes and/or disinfectants will be provided in common spaces and in classrooms where a sink for frequent handwashing is not available.
- » Students and staff will be educated on and reminded of proper prevention techniques, including:
 - » handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and increase monitoring to ensure adherence among students and staff (if soap and water are not readily available, hand sanitizer can be used).
 - » covering coughs and sneezes with a tissue, throwing used tissues in the trash and washing hands immediately with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
 - » avoiding touching mouths, noses, and eyes because the virus easily enters the body through membranes.
 - » Signage will be posted throughout schools that promote everyday protective

measures and describe how to stop the spread of germs (such as by properly washing hands and properly wearing a face covering).

- » Students will be discouraged from sharing items that are difficult to clean or disinfect (including electronic devices, toys, books, and other games or learning aids) and classroom practices will be modified to minimize sharing.

SCHOOL SAFETY PRACTICES

- » All students and staff must complete a daily health check at home prior to arriving at schools. The check should include a temperature screening and assessing for other symptoms. Students and staff are not allowed to attend school if their temperature is 100.4 or above. **(NOTE: At this time, the District's plan to have students self-screen temperatures each day is a local decision based on consultation with local public health officials and legal counsel. THIS IS AN AREA OF CURRENTLY EVOLVING GUIDANCE. Plans for temperature screening will continue to be reviewed and modified based on current guidance, data and best practices as the school year approaches).**
- » During arrival and dismissal times, schools will use as many entry and exit points as possible to avoid large gatherings of students in one area.
- » BCSD will have all necessary equipment, such as thermometers, to assess symptoms at all BCSD sites.
- » School will create a separate space for the care of students who begin to exhibit symptoms, while having another space to serve the

general health and medication needs of students.

- » Students and staff who experience COVID-19 symptoms at school must go home. Parents/guardians of students must make arrangements for pick up of students who become ill while at school within 30 minutes.
- » Depending on student attendance rates, classroom setup will be modified to the extent possible to create as much physical distancing among students and staff as possible.
- » Alternate indoor spaces and outdoor areas will be used to the extent possible in order to enhance physical distancing.
- » Classes will minimize movement through the building, only moving when necessary to do so. Common areas will be reconfigured by spacing out or eliminating furniture to minimize crowding.
- » Visitor protocols will be adjusted to focus on essential or emergency visits.
- » Passing times will be staggered when possible in order to reduce the number of students in hallways.
- » Drinking fountains will be closed. Students will be encouraged to bring their personal water bottles to school.
- » While many steps will be taken to provide physical distancing, there is no way to guarantee it in all instances.

FACILITY CLEANING

- » Custodians will clean each school nightly using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectants while being mindful of District policies that address cleaning products and the use of

certain chemicals in the school setting.

- » Custodians will increase the frequency of daytime cleaning of common touch surfaces including handrails, door handles, etc., using EPA approved disinfectant.
- » Custodians will increase the frequency of restroom checks to ensure hand soap and paper towels remain available.
- » Buildings and grounds staff will work to maintain adequate inventory of building cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment.
- » HVAC systems will be inspected, monitored and cleaned following indoor air quality recommendations from the EPA prior to the start of the school year and periodically checked and maintained.

TRANSPORTATION

- » Students, drivers, and staff on school buses are required to wear appropriate face coverings while on the bus.
- » All students are expected to have conducted a wellness check prior to riding the school bus.
- » All buses will be cleaned daily after a.m. and p.m. routes.
- » Hand sanitizer will be available at the door to each school bus. Students will be asked to use hand sanitizer while getting on and off the bus.
- » Seating will be assigned on every bus and every trip. Siblings and family members may be asked to share a seat if allowable by the CCBH/ODH.

FOOD SERVICE

Meal orders will be taken every morning for lunch and breakfast the following day. Boxed meals will be delivered to allow for students to eat in classrooms or alternate locations during an assigned lunch time. Students will have two choices for lunch each day, one hot and one cold.

- » No cash will be accepted. Meals may be pre-paid by check or online with a credit card using the Mealtime Online site.
- » All food service staff members will continue to meet personal protective and food safety guidelines required for food service operations.

ATHLETICS, EXTRACURRICULARS, AND MARCHING BAND

The Berea City School District is currently awaiting direction and guidance from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Ohio Music Educator Association regarding policies, procedures, and protocols for safe athletic and band practices and competitions.

- » BCSD is currently in Phase 2 of our Athletics plan;
- » We will attempt to provide extracurricular activities such as sports, clubs, etc., as much as possible while following guidelines from ODH, ODE, OHSAA, and CCBH;
- » All sports or activity visitors will be asked to wear a mask at all times;
- » BCSD will thoroughly and regularly disinfect all athletic spaces (weight room, locker room, courts, fields, etc.);
- » We will provide our athletes and coaches with ongoing education and professional development on expectations, symptom monitoring, and procedures with regards to COVID-19;
- » Face coverings must be worn by coaches and staff;
- » Student athletes will be encouraged to actively monitor their personal health and communicate any/all concerns with the appropriate staff (coach/trainer);
- » Health Screenings will continue to occur when entering athletic facilities and prior to the start of daily workouts;
- » BCSD will follow the OHSAA guidance on the following: travel, overnight stays, fans/crowds, and whether visitors will be asked to wear a face covering at all times during athletic events.

Option 2» 100% Virtual Learning



100% online learning option for families who prefer a virtual education. Families will be asked to commit to the full first semester/trimester.

LEARNING EXPERIENCE

There will be some noticeable differences from the online learning that occurred in spring 2020.

- » Attendance will be taken by teachers;
- » Coursework will be graded and credits will be granted;
- » Online learning will consist of both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on demand) learning.

All online learning (both remote and virtual) this fall will be more robust. In the spring, the Ohio Department of Education instructed schools to “hold harmless” those who did not progress with their lessons due to the issues with the changing COVID-19 situation, meaning students’ grades either stayed the same or went up with remote learning effort. All standardized tests and student assessments were also canceled.

This fall, all online learning lessons will include tests and student grades will reflect work completed or not completed. All students will be responsible for taking part in academic activities during school hours each school day. Any information that is a direct instruction of content that students need to know will be recorded. All online learning will provide an engaging experience for students and consistent interaction with their teachers.

All of the same curriculum will be covered whether a child is at school or at home. The way it is covered online vs. in-person may vary slightly, but students will cover the same concepts. Students will be responsible for taking part in academic activities during school hours each school day.

Families who choose 100% virtual learning must be able to provide internet service for their student(s) to complete lessons.

TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES

Realizing that adequate technology resources are needed to effectively provide required virtual learning, the District is procuring the technology necessary to ensure that each student has access to a high-quality digital device that meets the needs of today’s learners.

Over 3,000 student Chromebooks are already in the hands of Berea City School District students. For the 2020-2021 school year, the District has moved to a 1:1 model, meaning each student will have access to a device in school or at home. In the event that there is another closure and all students must move to remote learning, the District could transition to deploying one device for all students to take home.

- » The District will prepare technology devices for at-home deployment;
- » Schools will schedule and communicate pick-up procedures, locations and times.

Please note, the **BCSD Responsible Reopening Plan** is subject to change. Given the unpredictability of COVID-19, ongoing coronavirus spikes may impact school schedules and may require the District to modify the current plan. Based on public health guidance, school closures may be ordered and the District may implement a hybrid plan if necessary. We ask that you be prepared and plan ahead for childcare in the event the District plans would change with short notice.

Berea City Schools will take its responsibility very seriously to make sure proper safety protocols are in place and followed, however, any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. BCSD will strive to decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated. We recognize that some students may be unable to attend school in-person due to either pre-existing medical conditions or out of personal family choice. We understand these decisions are difficult ones and families must make educational decisions that are best for their families. Each family will need to make their own decision for their children and all decisions will be supported by BCSD.

If my child starts the year with the Titans Virtual Learning Academy, can my child switch to in-person instruction later in the year?

Yes, however, we are asking for a commitment to virtual learning for the first semester for 5-12 and the first Trimester for K-4. This will enable the District to make adjustments to capacity, staffing, or other adjustments as needed for the second semester.

If my child starts the year with in-person instruction, can my child switch to the Titans Virtual Learning Academy at any time?

The preference is not to switch once committed, but we will evaluate each situation on a case by case basis. We want to always be nimble and flexible during these unprecedented times.

APPENDIX A

STUDENT/FAMILY REOPENING FAQ

WHEN IS THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL?

At the June 15, 2020 Berea Board of Education meeting, the board approved a change to the calendar for the 2020-21 school year. The first day of school for 1st grade through 12th grade students will be **Tuesday, September 8th** (previously September 3rd). Kindergarten will start **Wednesday, September 9th**. The pushback of the start date will allow for additional staff workdays to prepare for our re-start. Additional calendar information is on the district website >>

www.berea.k12.oh.us/calendar

HOW DO I FIND MY STUDENT'S SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST?

BCSD is in the process of re-evaluating school supply list requirements. Please check back for the most up-to-date information related to school supplies.

WHEN IS MY CHILD'S OPEN HOUSE OR ORIENTATION?

Every school will have an event prior to the start of school for families to learn about the school schedule, find out their child's teacher(s) and schedule, etc. How those events will look is still being determined, but we know it is important for our families to understand what the school day will look like. We also know that our transitioning students (entering kindergarten, 5th grade, our new elementary school, and new high school) as well as any students new to the district will need to have additional information to start their year in a new school. More information will be available soon.

WHY IS BLENDED LEARNING NOT AN OPTION?

We reviewed our May survey results. Many families did not approve of the orange/blue schedule. With the changes in day care, this also is problematic for working families who are in need of child care. We do not believe that an orange/blue schedule would be sustainable for working families. The Cuyahoga County Board of Health will not be approving the District's plan for return to school, but they did acknowledge that we realistically cannot space our students the recommended 6 ft. apart. They support the 3 ft. of social distancing as long as other preventative measures are put in place such as face coverings for students and staff, use of hand sanitizer stations, frequently cleaning, and the limiting of movement/transitions for students as much as possible.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN REMOTE LEARNING AND VIRTUAL LEARNING?

Remote Learning: A shift from in-person learning to online learning.

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- Follow Cuyahoga County Board of Health direction
- A shift could also be caused by teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism increases and substitutes are not available

Virtual Learning: 100% online learning option for families who prefer a virtual education.

Families who choose 100% virtual learning must be able to provide internet service for their student(s) to complete lessons. Students ALWAYS remain VIRTUAL!

HOW WILL ONLINE LEARNING (BOTH REMOTE AND VIRTUAL) BE DIFFERENT FROM THE SPRING?

When the COVID-19 virus shut down our district, teachers scrambled to reimagine their classes, creatively using readily available tools to create emergency remote "classrooms" with little notice.

All online learning this fall will be more robust. In the spring, the Ohio Department of Education instructed schools to "hold harmless" those who did not progress with their lessons due to the issues with the changing COVID-19 situation, meaning

students' grades either stayed the same or went up with remote learning effort. All standardized tests and student assessments were also canceled.

This fall, all online learning lessons will include tests and student grades will reflect work completed or not completed. Coursework will be graded and credits will be granted. All students will be responsible for taking part in academic activities during school hours each school day. Attendance will be taken by teachers. Online learning will consist of both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on demand) learning. Any information that is a direct instruction of content that students need to know will be recorded. All online learning will provide an engaging experience for students and consistent interaction with their teachers.

WILL TEACHERS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING AND IN-PERSON CLASSROOM LEARNING OR WILL THERE BE DESIGNATED VIRTUAL TEACHERS FOR 100% VIRTUAL STUDENTS?

There will be designated teachers for 100% virtual learning.

IF I CHOSE VIRTUAL LEARNING, WHAT WILL THAT LOOK LIKE FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES?

Services in a student's IEP will continue to be addressed through online learning. If a parent chooses 100% virtual learning, please be aware that services may differ than the traditional setting. The IEP team will meet to discuss what services will look like in the alternate setting. Online learning will consist of both synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on demand) learning. Students will be assigned a case manager to coordinate and monitor services and progress while communicating with parents regularly.

IF MY CHILD STARTS THE YEAR WITH THE TITANS VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY, CAN MY CHILD SWITCH TO IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION LATER IN THE YEAR?

Yes, however, we are asking for a commitment to virtual learning for the first semester for 5-12 and the first Trimester for K-4. This will enable the district to make adjustments to capacity, staffing, or other adjustments as needed for the second semester.

IF MY CHILD STARTS THE YEAR WITH IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION, CAN MY CHILD SWITCH TO THE TITANS VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY AT ANY TIME?

The preference is not to switch once committed, but we will evaluate each situation on a case by case basis. We want to always be nimble and flexible during these unprecedented times.

IF THE OHIO PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM REACHES A LEVEL 4 (PURPLE), WILL SCHOOLS CLOSE?

Level 4 is listed as, "Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders." Available information currently indicates that if the county were to enter "Level 4 Purple" that the District would shift to Remote Learning. We are still working with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health and county Superintendents to finalize this decision.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A CHILD OR STAFF MEMBER GETS SICK?

It is important that parents assess their child's health each morning and do not send a child to school with a fever or who is not feeling well. Staff members, from bus drivers through those in school, will watch for signs of illness and send or escort any child who may exhibit illness to the clinic to be assessed by the School Health Specialist immediately. Should a student present symptoms of COVID-19, the child will be taken to a separate area from the main clinic to be examined away from others. According to advice from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH), any student or staff member who has a temperature of 100.4 degrees or higher will be sent home and must remain home until he/she is fever-free for at least 72 hours without using fever-reducing medicine (Tylenol or other) and does not exhibit other symptoms.

WHAT ARE THE COVID-19 SYMPTOM PROCEDURES THE DISTRICT WILL FOLLOW?

If an **employee** develops COVID-19 symptoms at work, separate the employee from all other students, staff, ensure that the employee wears a mask at all times, then make arrangements to send the employee home in a safe manner

1. If the employee is able to self-transport, have the employee leave the site
2. If the employee is not able to safely self-transport, contact a family member, emergency contact, or other method of transport to get the employee home or to a healthcare provider
3. If the employee appears to be in medical distress, call 911

If a **student** develops COVID-19 symptoms at school, separate the student from all other students and staff, with the exception of one staff member to supervise the student.

1. Have this staff member wear PPE and a face covering while maintaining a distance of at least six (6) feet from the student at all times, unless there is an emergency
2. Contact the School Health Specialist for further evaluation
3. Staff will communicate COVID-19 symptoms right away to the School Health Specialist before leaving the student in the clinic to ensure safety precautions can be initiated
4. School Health Specialist or designated staff will immediately notify a parent or emergency contact to pick up the student and call 911 if the student appears to be in medical distress

WHAT HAPPENS IF A STUDENT OR STAFF MEMBER TESTS POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

The Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) has a set protocol for those who test positive, including all contact tracing communication. Should a school learn of a positive case, the CCBH must be notified immediately. Per the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Education Guidance, the local health department will assess the situation and provide guidance to the school on next steps.

Schools and local health departments are encouraged to keep schools open and operating as much as possible. This health/medical review will be completed as quickly as possible. Short-term closure may be deemed appropriate so the Cuyahoga County Board of Health or the Ohio Department of Health can engage with school staff to recommend further testing, cleaning, etc. If a short-term closure is recommended, online learning will take place.

WHAT IS THE MODIFIED FORMAT OF INSTRUCTION DURING A QUARANTINE?

If a student or classroom is quarantined or a school or the district is closed, there would be a shift to remote learning.

WILL TEMPORARY QUARANTINE AFFECT SIBLINGS OF THE EXPOSED CHILD, IN THE SAME SCHOOL OR DIFFERENT SCHOOLS?

If a student tests positive, their siblings will be expected to quarantine at home according to the most current ODH guidelines. If a student is quarantined because they are a classroom contact of someone who tests positive, this will not impact their siblings.

WHAT DOES ATTENDANCE LOOK LIKE?

At this point in time, we have not received any additional guidance from the Ohio Department of Education on how/if attendance requirements would change. All requirements of HB 410 would still need to be followed. The District will work with families with attendance issues. If anything changes, we will let families know.

WHAT WILL THE CLEANING AND SANITIZING PROTOCOL BE FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR?

- Custodians will clean each school nightly using Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) approved disinfectants while being mindful of District policies that address cleaning products and the use of certain chemicals in the school setting.
- Custodians will increase the frequency of daytime cleaning of common touch surfaces including handrails, door handles, etc., using EPA approved disinfectant.
- Custodians will increase the frequency of restroom checks to ensure hand soap and paper towels remain available.

- Buildings and grounds staff will work to maintain adequate inventory of building cleaning supplies and personal protective equipment.
- HVAC systems will be inspected, monitored and cleaned following indoor air quality recommendations from the EPA prior to the start of the school year and periodically checked and maintained.

WILL THE DISTRICT PURCHASE PPE EQUIPMENT FOR STAFF THAT MEET CDC CODE?

If specific PPE is needed by our staff, the District will work to purchase necessary equipment.

WILL THERE BE HAND SANITIZER?

Recommended hand sanitizer will be provided in all high traffic areas, including entrances to buildings and classrooms. Sanitation wipes and/or disinfectants will be provided in each room and common space.

Students may also bring their own travel-sized hand sanitizer to use. For younger students, the most important thing will be stressing proper handwashing. We appreciate parents helping younger students understand how to wash for a long enough time (singing the Happy Birthday song or ABC song); to make sure soap reaches all parts of their fingers, hands and wrists; and to fully rinse and dry hands.

HOW WILL YOUNGER CHILDREN WEAR A FACE COVERING? WHAT ABOUT STUDENTS WITH MEDICAL ISSUES OR SPECIAL NEEDS?

We realize that wearing a face covering will take time to adapt. We appreciate parents doing their best to find a face covering that fits their child, practicing putting it on properly without assistance, and keeping it on. Parents should speak with their children about the importance of wearing a face covering and that it is not acceptable to take off your face covering or pull it below your nose and mouth when you have been asked to wear it. This is an issue of health and respecting the health of others. Students who do not comply will face disciplinary action. The district's face covering policy is currently still being developed, however, we are able to provide some of the initial guidance that will be pending board approval.

Use of face coverings, in communal areas, is an effective preventive measure, recommended by the CDC, to mitigate risk to COVID-19 which is mostly spread by respiratory droplets released when people talk, cough, or sneeze. Grades 3-12 students and staff will be required to wear face coverings. It will be highly recommended that students in grades pre-k through 2nd grade also wear face coverings.

- Information for proper wearing of masks, cleaning, and replacement will be provided to students and staff.
- Any student who has difficulty breathing, or documentation from a healthcare provider indicating they cannot wear a face covering, or anyone who is incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the face covering without assistance will not be required to wear face coverings at school. Alternate methods of protection will be discussed with parents and staff. Additionally, students who have a reason pursuant to a 504 plan or IEP to not wear face coverings will be evaluated on an individual basis to determine whether there are additional accommodations that may be made to provide them and others with the greatest possible protection.
- Students will not be required to wear face coverings during physical activity when social/physical distancing can be maintained and when eating and drinking.
- Students shall bring their own face covering to and from school. Buses and schools will have a supply of disposable face coverings available to provide to students in the event a student needs a replacement.
- Staff will not be required to wear a face covering when working alone in an office or workspace assuming a distance of six feet from another individual can be maintained.
- Staff will be required to wear a face covering while away from their personal work area and in common areas such as reception areas, hallways, restrooms, copy rooms or meeting rooms.
- Staff can wear a personal face covering that meets BCSD dress code requirements and will have access to disposable face coverings if needed.

If a student has a documented medical issue or special education designation which makes wearing a face covering inadvisable, we will need to have a waiver on file to excuse the student from wearing a face covering. Please contact our School Health Manager, Rebecca Elder, relder@bereaschools.org or 216-676-8400, ext 8720.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH ATHLETICS AND THE BAND, CHOIR, AND ORCHESTRA PROGRAMS?

The Berea City School District is currently awaiting direction and guidance from the Ohio High School Athletic Association and Ohio Music Educator Association regarding policies, procedures, and protocols for safe athletic and band practices and competitions.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN WITH THE ART, PE, AND ELECTIVE CLASSES?

The subcommittees will be working on what these classes will look like for the fall as long as we remain in-person. Students will NOT be sharing supplies and equipment.

WHERE WILL STUDENTS EAT LUNCH?

Meal orders will be taken every morning for lunch and breakfast the following day. Boxed meals will be delivered to allow for students to eat in classrooms or alternate locations during an assigned lunch time. Students will have two choices for lunch each day, one hot and one cold.

- No cash will be accepted. Meals may be pre-paid by check or online with a credit card using the Mealtime Online site.
- All food service staff members will continue to meet personal protective and food safety guidelines required for food service operations.

WILL THERE BE RECESS?

Yes. It is important to us that K-5 students all have recess time every day. Disinfecting of equipment will take place. Each school's recess schedules will be assessed to provide as much distancing as possible. Additional guidance will come prior to the start of school.

WILL STUDENTS BE ABLE TO BRING WATER BOTTLES?

Yes. Drinking fountains will be closed. We ask that all students have their own water bottle with them at school labeled with their name.

WHAT ABOUT VISITORS?

Visitor protocols will be adjusted to focus on essential or emergency visits ONLY. Parents who need to bring items to school or pick up their child will only be able to come into the school's enclosed entryway and are required to wear a face covering.

WHAT MEASURES ARE IN PLACE FOR STUDENTS WHO ATTEND POLARIS AND ARE EXPOSED TO STUDENTS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES?

Polaris will also be implementing preventative measures for ALL students and staff while they are in school. More information about their procedures will come directly from Polaris.

FINANCIALLY, ARE THE SCHOOLS GETTING ANY SUPPORT FROM THE STATE OR ELSEWHERE TO COVER THE COSTS OF ALL OF THIS?

BCSD received federal stimulus funding (ESSER) in the total of \$950,000. However, the District also received a state funding reduction of \$1.3 million in both FY20 and FY21. We are waiting from the Governor to see if he will be allocating any additional funds to the District. We have cut budgets and are being flexible and nimble with our spending to find funds to help us with the costs that need to be covered as a result of COVID-19.

APPENDIX B
SAMPLE VIRTUAL LEARNING SCHEDULES

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Sample K-2 Virtual Learning Schedule

Time	K-2 Activities
8-9am	Wake Up, Breakfast, Dressed & Ready for School
9-9:20am	Physical Activity Time: Exercise, Dance, Walk
9:30-10:00am	Teacher Instruction / Attendance taken
10:30-10:45am	Independent Practice -- Online Activities
10:45-11:00am	Break -- Physical Activity, Creative Work
11:00 AM	Staff Office Hour to connect with students and/or parents
11:30-12:30pm	Lunch/Activity Break
12:45-1:45pm	Teacher Instruction / Attendance taken
1:45-2:00pm	Break
2:00 PM	Independent Reading

MIDDLE SCHOOL

5-6 Virtual Learning Schedule

Time	Class	Learning Activity
8-8:30am	Breakfast	Wake Up, Dressed, Breakfast
8:30-8:45am	Sign In	Chromebook ready, check day's activities, announcements
8:45-9:30am	Language Arts	Access Blackboard ELA class page for lessons/collaboration
9:30-9:40am	Break	Physical activity, walk, stretch
9:40-10:25am	Social Studies	Access Blackboard Social Studies class page for lessons/collaboration
10:25-10:35am	Break	Prepare for next class
10:35-11:20am	Math	Access Blackboard Math class page for lessons/collaboration
11:20-11:30am	Break	Prepare for next class
11:30-12:15pm	Science	Access Blackboard Science class page for lessons/collaboration
12:15-12:45pm	Lunch	Lunch
12:45-1:30pm	Electives	Access Blackboard Elective class page for lessons/collaboration
1:30-1:40pm	Break	Prepare for next class
1:40-2:25pm	PE	Access Blackboard PE class page for lessons/collaboration
2:25-2:35pm	Break	Physical activity, walk, stretch
2:35-3:15pm	Reading	Read a book of your choosing or assigned by a teacher

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Time	Course	Info
8:00-8:25am	Office Hours / Help Sessions	Open for scheduled help sessions
8:30 – 9:10am	Science	Physical Science, Biology, Chemistry, Physics
9:15-10:10am	English (A-K) Math (L-Z)	ELA 9, ELA 10 Math 3, Math 4
10:15-10:55am	Social Studies	US History, US Government, MWH
11:00-11:55am	English (L-Z) Math (A-K)	ELA 11, ELA 12 Math 1, Math 2
12:00-12:30pm	Lunch	Homeroom on Tuesdays
12:30-1:25pm	Electives	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
1:30-2:10pm	Electives	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
2:15-2:55pm	Electives	Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
3:00-3:55pm	Intervention	Intervention
4:00-4:30pm	Office Hours / Help Sessions	Open for scheduled help sessions