



In-Person Learning

Pandemic 2020-21



This plan provides the basis for return to in-person learning in Euclid Schools during the nationwide COVID-19 pandemic. It is based on the most up to date advice available from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health and Cuyahoga County Board of Health. It identifies the precautions the District has put in place, the responsibilities of various stakeholders, and response plans to known scenarios.

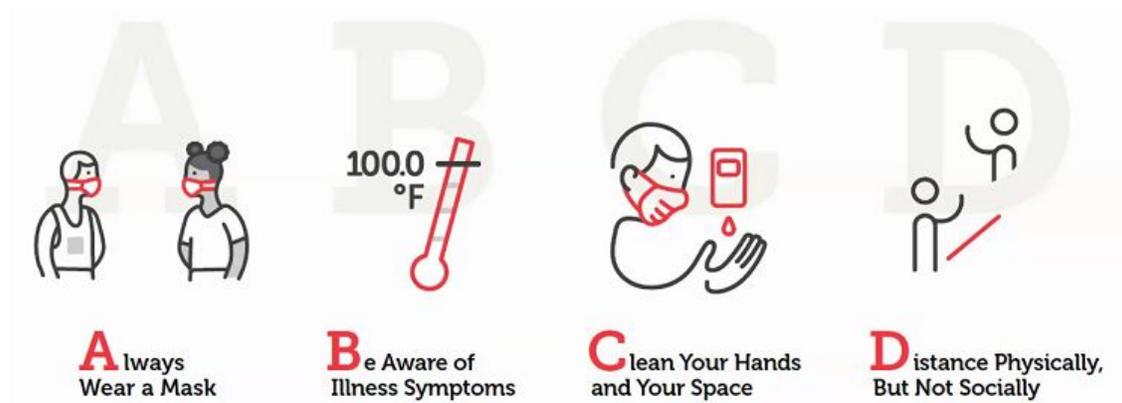
The plan closely adheres to the Health and Safety Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools that was released by the State of Ohio on July 2, 2020.

Euclid Schools Safety Provisions

To ensure the safety of staff and students, our District has taken the following measures towards safe learning and working environments:

- District Supplied Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) and Supplies
 - Non-contact thermometers at each location
 - Thermal cameras
 - Boxes of disposable masks
 - Cloth masks for each staff member, as well as for students as a back-up
 - Communicator masks for Intervention Specialists/SLP's
 - Adult face shields
 - Sanitizer pumps for each classroom
 - Disinfectant dispensers strategically placed in hallways, gym, cafeteria, entrances, etc.
 - Boxes of rubber gloves provided to each school
 - Tubs of disinfectant wipes for every classroom
 - Disinfectant spray bottles and paper towels for every classroom
 - Counter/Desk shields
- District PPE procedure requirements
- Employee and student health assessments (temperature checks)
- Social distancing procedures
- Enhanced facilities cleaning protocol
- Establishing appropriate clinics to distinguish COVID related care from typical health services
- Environmental controls, including physical barriers and air filtration systems
- Staff professional development related to COVID-19 procedures

Districtwide Self-Care Strategies



Always wear a mask (cloth face covering)

- Wear a cloth face covering over mouth and nose when students and staff are within eyesight.
- [CDC - How to make your own face covering](#)
- [CDC - How to wear a cloth face covering](#)
- [How to wash face coverings](#)

Be aware of Illness Symptoms

- [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#) – includes as guided ‘Self-Checker’
- Complete a daily two-part self-assessment
 - Fever Check: measuring your temperature (not to exceed 100.4F)
 - Symptom Check: [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

Clean your hands and your space

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after having been in a public space, or after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing.
- If soap and water are not available, use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Disinfect and clean work areas routinely, utilizing District provided cleaning supplies

Distance physically, but not socially

- Place 6 feet of distance (approximately 2 arms’ length) between yourself and people who don’t live in your household.

¹ UH Hospitals School Playbook

How to Properly Wear a Mask



1 _____
Wash or sanitize
your hands.



2 _____
Make sure colored side of
mask is facing out and stiff
bendable edge is on top.



3 _____
Holding ear loops,
pull around ears.



4 _____
Mold bendable edge
to nose.



5 _____
Expand mask to cover
nose and chin.



6 _____
Wash your hands
again.

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Plan Implementation

- ❑ In order to ensure the health and safety of students and staff we will utilize safety strategies that closely adhere to, or exceed, the Health and Safety Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools released by the State of Ohio on July 2, 2020. We will adjust based on updates received from governmental/medical agencies.

- ❑ Students and staff will receive training in the strategies contained in the Health and Safety Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools released by the State of Ohio on July 2, 2020.

- ❑ COVID-19 cases that are identified during the 2020-2021 school year will be quickly addressed and properly managed to limit exposure. In order to keep everyone safe and healthy, it is imperative that positive test results, and self-quarantine because of “close contact” with a person with a positive test result, are reported quickly

- ❑ Though we respect individuals’ rights to privacy (both students and staff), the Euclid Schools will engage in contact tracing and will provide updates on the COVID-19 tab on our district website (www.euclidschools.org) in order to answer any questions you may have about plans, procedures and school changes that may occur as a result of COVID-19. We will also maintain a public dashboard to track how the pandemic is affecting our district.

How to Address a Student/Employee Displaying Signs or Symptoms

If the employee/student has symptoms consistent with those provided by the CDC, the individual should have their temperature checked and respond to prompts provided on the “Symptoms to Monitor and Screening Workflow.”

Know the symptoms of COVID-19, which can include the following:



Effective Screening Procedures³:

1. Check Temperature

IF the temperature is **over** 100.4F

- Send the person home OR
- Place the person in a Health Containment Room for safe distancing from staff and students until they can obtain transportation home

IF the temperature is **under** 100.4F

- Ask if the person has a new cough, fever or shortness of breath
- Ask if the person has traveled to an area with a current COVID-19 outbreak in the past 14 days
- Ask if the person has had exposure or contact with COVID-19 suspected or diagnosed individuals in the last 14 days without a mask

2. IF **'Yes'** to any of the above

- Send the person home OR
- Place the person in a Health Containment Room for safe distancing from staff and students until they can obtain transportation home

IF **'No'** to all of the above

- Proceed to work, class or normal school clinic

What defines 'Close Contact'?

Close contact is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as an individual who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

If an employee/student has had close contact with someone who meets this definition, they should not report to work and should seek medical guidance from their healthcare provider regarding next steps and direction on when to return to work.

Note: an individual who has had close contact with someone who had close contact with an individual who tested positive for, or exhibited symptoms of, COVID-19 should not be considered as having been exposed. In such an event, the employee/student should report to work/school, adhere to the established safety protocol, and monitor their symptoms.

³ University Hospitals – Healthy Restart Playbook, July 2020

When Should an Employee Return to Work or a Student Return to School?

Updated by the CDC⁴ as of July 29, 2020

The guidelines below from the CDC provide general expectations on anticipated return dates for employees/students.⁵ Euclid Schools is following the CDC recommendation to follow a 'time-based strategy' for returning to our campuses. Due to limitations of testing availability and access to medical providers, testing strategies (negative test required to return) and certifications from medical providers are not required to return.

Please Note: These are guidelines; employees should adhere to dates provided by the local health department or medical providers, as days of isolation or quarantine can vary from the general guidelines below.

1. **Persons known to have been exposed to COVID-19 through close contact**
 - 14 days of quarantine after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness if infected
2. **Persons known to have traveled from a [State identified by the Department of Health Travel Advisory](#)**
 - 14 days of quarantine after exposure based on the time it takes to develop illness if infected
3. **Persons with confirmed COVID-19, or suspected COVID-19 based on symptoms, and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:**
 - At least 10 days* have passed *since symptoms first appeared* **and**
 - At least 24 hours have passed *since last* fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
 - Symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath) have improved

*For patients with severe illness, duration of isolation for up to 20 days after symptom onset may be warranted. Consultation with infection control experts should be sought in these instances.
4. **Persons with confirmed COVID-19 case who did not have symptoms and were directed to care for themselves at home may discontinue isolation under the following conditions:**
 - At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test.

⁴ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/disposition-in-home-patients.html>

⁵ <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html>

When Should Students Not Be At School?

If student presents any of the symptoms of COVID-19, please follow screening procedures from page six of this document.

Is the Child in Distress?

If Yes, Call EMS for:

- Color change
- Altered mental status
- Respiratory distress
- Persistent chest pain

If No, Call Guardian

- Student will need to leave school as soon as possible.
- Isolate while waiting

When Can Students Return to School?

Parent Clearance

If any of these symptoms were present in isolation (only one of them) AND completely resolve, a child may return with a note from the parent. If a student has a fever, he/she should be fever-free without the use of medication for 24 hours before returning to school (*Cuyahoga County Board of Health*)

- Headache
- Nausea/vomiting
- Fatigue
- Muscle Aches

Medical Clearance

If any of these symptoms were present, medical clearance is recommended to return to school.

- Fever
- Chills
- New onset or worsening nasal congestion not associated with allergy symptoms
- Diarrhea
- Loss of smell or taste
- Sore throat
- New onset cough
- Chest pain or difficulty breathing

Additionally, parents will need to submit a doctor's note **or** complete a form to verify their children are symptom-free before returning to school. The form will be posted on the COVID-19 tab of the Euclid Schools' website (www.euclidschools.org).

Steps Euclid Schools will take in the event of a positive case

Procedure for reporting a positive test result **or** self-quarantine due to close contact:

Staff: Within 24 hours of confirmed diagnosis, please report to India Jackson, HR Director

Students/Families: Within 24 hours of confirmed diagnosis, please report to building principal

Classroom/Activity Situation

1. District COVID-19 Coordinator will report the confirmed case to Cuyahoga County Board of Health to conduct contact tracing
2. Names of individuals who were in close contact with the identified case, along with classroom seating charts should be provided to the District COVID-19 Coordinator
3. District COVID-19 Coordinator will work with the building principal and the CCBH to inform the parents/guardians of all students who shared a classroom space or participated in an activity during the COVID-19 infectious period of a student, teacher, staff member, or coach.
 - a. Individuals identified as close contacts will be instructed to quarantine for 14 days, or according to the provided CCBH guidance
 - b. Depending on the extent of cases, we *may* close the impacted classroom/activity for 14 days.
 - c. If classroom must close, we will shift to remote learning for 14 days
4. School principals will send a notification of a positive case to parents or guardians of all students in the building
5. District will utilize a website dashboard to inform the school community of the number of COVID-19 cases and number of students and staff quarantined, if known. This dashboard will be updated weekly
6. Deep-clean the impacted classroom and bus.
7. School Principals, or their designees, will email and call the families near the conclusion of the 14 day period to inform them about the return to classroom date and to direct them to complete the return to school form found on the website, indicating that they are symptom-free.

Bus Situation

1. District COVID-19 Coordinator will report the confirmed case to Cuyahoga County Board of Health to conduct contact tracing
2. Affected bus route is shut down immediately (meaning students on that bus do not come to school, even if they have another means of getting to school) - for at least one day after notification is received of positive test
3. Names of individuals who were in close contact with the identified case, along with seating charts should be provided to the District COVID-19 Coordinator
4. District will work with CCBH to inform students/families who were determined to be in close contact with the positive case.
 - a. Individuals identified as close contacts will be instructed to quarantine for 14 days, or according to the provided CCBH guidance
5. Deep-clean the impacted bus.
6. School principals will send a notification of a positive case to parents or guardians of all students in the building
7. District will utilize a website dashboard to inform the school community of the number of COVID-19 cases and number of students and staff quarantined, if known
8. Affected students will receive notification near the conclusion of their quarantine about return to school instructions and to direct them to complete the return to school form found on the website, indicating that they are symptom-free.

Directions for teachers

Close contact is defined by the Centers for Disease Control as an someone who was within 6 feet of an infected person for a cumulative total of at least 15 minutes over a 24-hour period starting from 2 days before illness onset (or, for asymptomatic patients, 2 days prior to test specimen collection) until the time the patient is isolated.

Do not have students in "close contact" with each other, or with you, while in your class.

Also, please maintain social distancing in meetings with your colleagues, and in public settings. If you cannot maintain at least six feet of physical distance, use a video meeting (Zoom, Meets etc.) as an alternative.

1. Be sure to maintain accurate daily attendance
2. Maintain accurate seating charts daily
 - a. Please note if you move a student's seat for any reason
3. Passes issued (including location and time of issue)
4. Group work or lab stations: please note where students work in the classroom and what students were in proximity within a group
5. One on one support: please note any students for whom you provided individual support.

*In case of a contact tracing scenario, please have this information readily available to share with a building or district administrator at all times.

COVID-19 Communication

In the event of a positive case, the following letters should be sent by the school principal or designee. A copy should be sent to the District COVID-19 Coordinator at kbrown@euclidschools.org (please include "COVID-19 Letter" in the subject line).

The letters should include the last time the positive case was in the building, the timeline for notifying contacts, if any (if none, the letter should indicate this), and any effect on student learning (e.g. does the class or student need to move to remote learning).

Letters will be sent, as appropriate, to:

1. Building Families
2. Affected Classroom Families
3. Identified Close Contacts
4. Building Staff
5. District Staff

In the event that a student or staff member is sent home because he/she is exhibiting symptoms, a communication will be sent by human resources. A copy should be sent to the District COVID-19 Coordinator at kbrown@euclidschools.org (please include "COVID-19 Letter" in the subject line).