Mad River Local Schools 2020-21 Reopening Plan

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Parents and Community Members:

All schools in Ohio closed for the remainder of the school year beginning March 16, 2020, by order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In order to reopen for the 2020-21 school year, all 16 school districts in Montgomery County came up with the necessary critical conditions for students to return to school in the fall of 2020 while providing a safe place and healthy environment for students, staff, and families. Critical conditions include:

- Keeping an intentional distance between and among students during school hours to the fullest extent possible
- Installing shields in our buildings and offices where the need is most critical, to the fullest extent possible
- Allowing us to influence the use of face coverings as it relates to each situation, environment, persons involved, and activity structured
- Establish highly engineered sanitizing processes that will include, but are not limited to high touch surfaces and frequently traveled areas
- Developing an option for all or some students to learn remotely, when needed
- Training staff as it relates to hygiene practices to limit disease spread
- Advocating for staff and students to stay home when not feeling well and doing daily health assessments
- Taking temperatures, to the fullest extent possible
- Evaluating building operations, including but not limited to flow of traffic in the building, use of classrooms/cafeteria/restrooms/etc., operational times, visitor procedures, etc.
Communicating with parents and the community in regards to COVID-19 influenced practices, safety, health practices, etc.

Transporting students under guidelines that are similar to public transportation guidelines

In Mad River Local Schools, we strongly believe the healthiest place for our students this fall is in the school setting. COVID-19 has many effects, but one thing is for certain, it has shown the important role each of our schools plays within the community. We understand COVID-19 has changed the world, and as a result, it will change the way in which we operate moving forward.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff has and continues to be our number one priority in the Mad River School District. One of the most important needs we had to address pre-COVID was a need that is certainly more vital now amidst-COVID. Specifically: we must address the whole-child aspect of our students. As we navigate through the coronavirus crisis, the physical health and safety of our students’ (and staff’s) well-being will continue to be addressed; this most certainly includes their mental wellness and their academic development. These concerns and needs can be most effectively monitored and addressed in the presence of our trained staff and within our school settings. Clearly, this pandemic has had a more dramatic and long-term impact than any other social occurrence that has surfaced in our community in recent memory.

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 committed to working with you when COVID-19 cases impact our district, buildings, or classrooms. We are also committed to providing a remote learning environment when necessary. **If you are interested in remote learning for the 2020-21 school year, please contact Student Services Coordinator, Mrs. Andrea Rastatter, at RemoteLearning@madriverschools.org or (937)259-6600 ext. 8406.**

We will continue to update the community via our website and our mass notification system when there is updated information to share; we remain committed to keeping our parents and community informed about our plans to reopen schools this fall.

Sincerely,

Mr. Wyen
Superintendent
Mad River Local Schools
2020-21 Reopening Plan:

Absolutes:

- No field trips
- No visitors except for what is described in the visitor portion of the plan
- An identified quarantine room in each building
- Teaching and modeling for students healthy and safe habits (i.e., proper handwashing, physical distancing, cough and sneeze etiquette)
- Assigned seats in the classroom
- Daily health assessments – students and staff must self-check temperatures prior to reporting to school
  - a. Students and staff with a temperature above 100 degrees F must stay home
- Daily sanitizing of touch surfaces
- Face coverings required for all staff, and students’ grades PK-12 (i.e., face masks, face shields, etc.).
  - a. Data shows that face coverings reduce transmission by 50-75%.
  - b. Students grades PK-12 not able to wear face coverings due to health issues will need to provide a note from their doctor
  - c. All face coverings must be school appropriate
  - d. At the teacher discretion, mask breaks may be given during the school day if 6ft distancing can be achieved
- Drinking fountains in each building will be off limits except for water bottle filling stations
  - a. Students will need to bring individual water bottles to school
- Safe social and physical distancing where applicable
- Contingency plan for distance or remote learning
- MRLS Reopening Plan communicated and available for all students, staff, and families through the district website
- COVID-19 hotline will be set up for the district

Proactive Measures for School Reopening:

- 10-month GermStop non-chemical microbe disinfectant treatment program which provides protection against viruses (including COVID-19) on touch surfaces in all buildings and buses https://aobuildingservices.com/services/
- Daily sanitizing of buildings
- Sneeze guards installed at each building secretary’s desk
- Hand sanitizing stations installed at all main building entrances and high touch point entrances
- Hand sanitizing stations installed on each bus
• Tabletop barriers installed in classrooms with tables in grades 5-12 and in specialized settings K-4
• Outside drop boxes installed at each building for paperwork return
• Five Rivers Health Services Telehealth available in each building’s clinic between 7:30 AM-4:30 PM (for families who give consent)
• Five Rivers Health Services will provide a brick and mortar health services (for families who give consent) who do not have a primary care provider
• Children’s Hospital will provide real-time assistance for any health issues
• Children’s Hospital will provide a regional testing hub accessible to families
• Children’s Hospital will provide a respiratory clinic or walk-ins for families who do not have a primary care provider
• Thermoscan thermometers available to staff to take student temperatures if necessary (strategically placed throughout each building)
• Emergency instructional resources available for distance or remote learning accessible on the district website

Communications – when a student/staff member has been diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case:

• Communications will be developed in collaboration with the Health Department

Student/Staff health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19:

• The duration of the homestay (or stay at home) for a child sent home with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 24 hours (1 full day) AND improvement of all other symptoms for 24 hours AND at least 10 days have passed since the symptoms started
• Temperatures will be taken upon return. If a student tests positive for COVID-19, they and their families will be quarantined for 14 days. The Health Department will perform all contact tracing.
• To return to school: the student must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse

Visitors, Volunteers, and Meetings:

• There are different levels of school visitors, and each school will make decisions for each situation
  o Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities
  o Safety protocols such as taking temperatures will be implemented for all visitors
  o 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

**Classroom Occupancy:**

- Although the district and each school building have safety protocols in place, students who attend school will incur some level of risk (just as they would during a typical cold and flu season). The district and buildings will 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.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations as possible
- Tabletop barriers will be installed in classrooms with tables in grades 5-12 and in specialized settings K-4
- Face coverings will be **required** for all students grades PK-12 and all staff

**Transitions:**

- 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 for all students grades PK-12 and all staff

**Recess:**

- Each building will make every effort to maintain consistency with other 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 after recess
- Face coverings will be **required** for all students grades PK-8 and all staff

**Food Service:**

- The district will provide food service, and logistics will be determined by each building in compliance with the Health Department based on:
  - 50% capacity/occupancy of the school cafeteria
- No self-service
- Individual condiments
- Cleaning and sanitizing chairs and tables

**Transportation:**

- Due to the restrictions, we are required to follow because of COVID-19, we will not be able to approve any special transportation requests for the first 30 days of school. This timeline may change based on the guidelines; the state will provide school districts throughout the 2020-21 school year, which will determine if and when we will be able to approve any requests. We will only route students this year at the address you currently reside within the district, and this will be the only bus stop issued to students.
- Face coverings are required for all students grades PK-12 and all drivers
- Hand sanitizing stations installed on each bus
- Seating charts are required to assist with contact tracing if needed
- Two students will be permitted per seat
- Siblings seated together (when applicable)
- In the event state policies require school districts to use alternative schedules, Mad River may adopt minimum requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation
- Specific arrival and dismissal procedures will be determined by each school building
- Buses will be sanitized after each morning and afternoon route

*This plan is subject to change based on directives from the Governor of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Department of Health, or the Montgomery County Health Department*

*Building specific plans will be communicated out to families in August*
Addendum A

GERMSTOP

DISINFECTION SERVICES

30-DAY PROTECTION AGAINST COVID-19!

Alpha & Omega developed GermStop in 2015. GermStop is a service provided by our trained certified technicians to disinfect your facility by applying a targeted mist of disinfectant to all your touchpoints. This adds a layer of safety to your existing cleaning service.

As the leader in disinfection services, we are proud to introduce an antimicrobial treatment into our family of services. SabretechQS technology is an EPA registered antimicrobial, killing cells by puncturing the walls of each cell…stopping germs in their tracks. The active ingredient in the antimicrobial forms a colorless, odorless, positively charged, polymer, which chemically bonds to the treated surface. Think of it as a layer of electrically charged swords. When a microorganism comes in contact with the treated surface, the “quat” or “sword” punctures the cell membrane and the electrical charge shocks the cell. Since nothing is transferred to the now dead cell, the antimicrobial doesn’t lose strength and the sword is ready for the next cell to contact it.

Traditional disinfection kills germs on surfaces initially, then contaminants return as soon as the surface is contacted again. Like conventional methods, SabretechQS technology provides an effective initial microbial kill when applied, but it also provides long-term control of growth on treated surfaces. The surface itself is modified to make it actively antimicrobial for the normal life of the substrate onto which it is applied.

Bottom line: **The treated surface is protected for 30 days without reapplying.** That’s right, it keeps killing germs for 30 days. Even with routine cleaning. Our certified technicians come to your facility and provide a light misted coating to all your touchpoints, giving you the peace of mind knowing you’re doing everything possible to provide a safe, healthy workplace for everyone who enters and works in your building.
Addendum B

GUIDANCE FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY SCHOOLS

PREFACE: All Ohio schools closed for the remainder of the school calendar beginning on March 10, 2020, by order of the Governor and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio Department of Health released guidelines for schools to follow during the 2020-21 school year on July 2, 2020.

These general principles will guide each school district as they move forward with re-opening schools throughout Montgomery County.

✓ Each school district will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
✓ Each school district will work closely with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County to promote safety in each school building.
✓ Each school district will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
✓ School districts recognize the need for consistency in areas of operations while recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.

Daily Self-Monitoring

Students and staff should self-monitor symptoms and temperature in the morning before arriving at school.

Symptoms may include:

Febrer over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or chills
Cough
Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
Fatigue
Congestion or runny nose
Nausea or vomiting

Muscle or body aches
Headache
New loss of taste or smell
Sore throat
Diarrhea

Incorporating guidelines for Family, Caregivers and Staff exposed to COVID-19 (Quarantine)

Staff or Parents/Caregiver should notify the school if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or if they, or any member of the household have been diagnosed or who are presumed to have COVID-19. When this occurs:

• The reported personnel or student must self-quarantine at home for 14 days (consider other learning options for quarantined student).

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Plan for a Suspected Case or Positive Case

Staff or student begins exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 during the school day:

- They should immediately be isolated (placed in a separate room, monitored by personnel maintaining social distancing and wearing PPE).
- Send the ill staff member home - request they seek out their medical provider for further guidance.
- Call family to pick up sick student as quickly as possible.
- Establish procedure for safely transporting anyone with severe symptoms from COVID-19 to a healthcare facility in case of an emergency.
- If calling an ambulance or taking someone to the hospital, try to call ahead to alert the hospital staff that the person may have COVID-19.

Districts must be prepared for the possibility that a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19.

- Once the school is aware of staff or a student that has tested positive for COVID-19, please contact Public Health to report the case at 937-225-4508.
- A positive case will prompt a case investigation on the positive case resulting in needed information on potential close contacts.
- The school district will cooperate with Public Health in contact tracing to identify close contacts of the case of COVID-19.
- Public Health will assist in developing a letter for school districts to use and the letter will explain/define what is considered close contact to a COVID-19 case and the need for a 14 day quarantine.
- 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.
- To expedite in the assistance in contact tracing, plans should include updated attendance records, seating charts, and updated contact/phone numbers.

Returning to School After Illness

Student or staff diagnosed as having COVID-19 with symptoms must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- 1 day (24 hours) with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) and
- other symptoms improved and
- 10 days since symptoms first appeared

Student or staff diagnosed as having COVID-19 without symptoms (asymptomatic) must meet the following criteria to return to school:

- 10 days have passed since test without any symptoms developing

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Food Service

Food service will be determined by each district in compliance with Public Health requirements:

- No self-service using common utensils or shared condiments (salad bars etc.)
- Utilize other areas such as classrooms, library etc. for lunch areas.
- Public Health recommends assigning seats.
- Drinking fountains should be cleaned and sanitized, but encourage staff and students to bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains.
- Clean and sanitize chairs and tables between seatings of students for meals.
- Cafeteria occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible. Separation recommendation, based on Ohio School Guidance, is 6 ft where possible.

Classroom Occupancy

Districts will inform parents that safety protocols are in place but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. Districts will 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.

Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible. Separation based on Ohio School Guidance is 6 feet where possible.

Face masks are recommended for all students in grades 3 - 12.

As with other businesses, all school staff and volunteers must wear face masks unless it is unsafe to do so or where doing so would significantly interfere with the learning process. There are exceptions to this as listed in the Ohio guidance.

Schools must develop a face mask policy.

Public Health recommends assigning seats.

Public Health recommends no sharing of school supplies (no pooled resources.) All students should have their own crayons, scissors etc.

Visitors/Volunteers

There are different levels of school visitors, and each district will make decisions for each situation.

Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities. If visitors are present, a face mask is required.

Safety protocols such as taking temperatures and monitoring health symptoms will be implemented for all visitors.
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Transportation

Districts should attempt to seat siblings together.

Seating charts are recommended to assist with contact tracing if that is needed.

Face masks are required for drivers and highly recommended for students if social distancing cannot be maintained.

Recess

School districts will make every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures.

This may mean that districts limit student access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.

Students must sanitize or wash their hands after recess.

Specialty Classes

Due to the nature of band, choir, theater, and other similar classes, 6-feet social distancing may not be adequate. Teachers and students should maintain as much distance as possible when actively playing and performing.

Library items should be removed from circulation for 72 hours after item is returned.

Cleaning/Sanitizing

Public Health strongly recommends that approved sanitizers and cleaners be used: [EPA sanitizers and cleaners effective against COVID-19](https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/List-D-Products-Effective-Coronavirus).

Schools must clean surfaces frequently, paying close attention to high touch areas and shared materials, and make sanitation wipes or disinfectants labeled for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) available in each room and common space. The sharing of supplies and materials should be minimized and if items must be shared, sanitized between each user.

Water Systems

To minimize the risk of **Legionnaire’s disease** and other diseases associated with water, [take steps](https://www.epa.gov/sempra/first-response-guidance-school-water-systems) to ensure that all water systems and features (e.g., sink faucets, drinking fountains, decorative fountains) are safe to use after a prolonged facility shutdown.

Drinking fountains should be cleaned and sanitized, but encourage staff and students to bring their own water to minimize use and touching of water fountains.


Other Resources

[COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K – 12 Schools](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf)

[Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2020/07/02/file_attachments/1488298/Reset-Restart-full%202006.20.20.pdf)
Addendum C

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| PK          | In Person (Attending Daily M-Th) | • Face coverings for all students and staff  
• Daily health assessments (Students and staff with temperatures over 100 degrees F must stay home for 24 hours, until fever free without medication) | • No visitors  
• No field trips  
• Quarantine Room  
• Teaching and Modeling of safe and healthy habits  
• Assigned seats with appropriate physical distancing  
• Daily sanitizing of touch surfaces  
• No access to drinking fountains - Students must bring their own water bottles  
• Safe social and physical distance where applicable  
• GermStop Treatment                                                                 |
| K-4         | In Person (Attending Daily M-F)  | • Face coverings for all students and staff  
• Daily health assessments (Students and staff with temperatures over 100 degrees F must stay home for 24 hours, until fever free without medication) | • No visitors  
• No field trips  
• Quarantine Room  
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• Daily sanitizing of touch surfaces  
• No access to drinking fountains - Students must bring their own water bottles  
• Safe social and physical distance where applicable  
• GermStop Treatment  
• Table top barriers in classrooms with tables                                                                 |
| K-4         | Remote (must apply by August 3)  | • Daily attendance on the remote learning platform  
• Families who choose remote must commit for a semester at a time  
• WiFi | Please refer to the remote learning website                                                                                      |
| 5-6         | In Person (Attending Daily M-F)  | • Face coverings for all students and staff  
• Daily health assessments (Students and staff with temperatures over 100 degrees F must stay home for 24 hours, until fever free without medication) | • No visitors  
• No field trips  
• Quarantine Room  
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• GermStop Treatment  
• Table top barriers in classrooms with tables                                                                 |
| 5-6         | Remote (must apply by August 3)  | • Daily attendance on the remote learning platform  
• Families who choose remote must commit for a semester at a time  
• WiFi | Please refer to the remote learning website                                                                                      |
| 7-8         | In Person (Hybrid)               | • Face coverings for all students and staff  
• Daily health assessments (Students and staff with temperatures over 100 degrees F must stay home for 24 hours, until fever free without medication) | • No visitors  
• No field trips  
• Quarantine Room  
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| 9-12  | In Person (Hybrid) | - Students with Last Name A-K will attend 50% of the time
- Students with the Last Name L-Z will attend 50% of the time
Students will have a rotating schedule M/W/F and T/TH (ex: Week 1, Students with the last name A-K will attend M/W/F only and Students with the last name L-Z will attend T/TH only.
Week 2, Students with the last name A-K will attend T/TH only, and students with the last name L-Z will attend M/W/F only. |
| 9-12  | Remote (must apply by August 3) | [Link](https://www.madridschoolss.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=38&DomainID=18&ArticleID=661026&fl=0&flp=0&flid=0&flp2=0&PageType=38&DomainID=18&ArticleID=661026&fl=0&flp=0&flid=0&flp2=0) |

* Daily attendance on the remote learning platform
* Families who choose remote must commit for a semester at a time
* WiFi

Please refer to the remote learning website

* Face coverings for all students and staff
* Daily health assessments (Students and staff with temperatures over 100 degrees F must stay home for 24 hours, until fever free without medication)

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* It is assumed your student will be returning in person for the 2020-21 school year unless you choose the remote option and fill out the application by August 3, 2020. If you applied for remote learning 7-12, and would like to change to the hybrid option, please email remote learning: remotelearning@madridschoolss.org