

IRONTON CITY SCHOOL RESTART/REOPEN PLAN

Addendum to the Lawrence Co. Restart Guidance Document

Remote Learning:

- Any student may sign up for remote learning on a semester or year-long basis
- The district will follow the guidelines for remote learning as specified in HB 164
- Online instruction will include: digital curriculum (outside provider), virtual office hours, and direct/recorded instruction provided by Ironton staff.
- Students must have reliable access to the internet.
- Students who wish to participate in online instruction have until July 31, 2020 to notify the district/campus
- Should the schools be required to shut down for an extended period of time, all students will transition to an online model of instruction.

Daily Health Assessments:

- All staff will be required to complete a COVID-19 self assessment checklist daily.
- Parents are responsible for monitoring their children for signs of illness prior to sending their child to school.
- Staff and students will stay home if their temperature is above 100 degrees, or they are experiencing symptoms.
- Parents must communicate with the school promptly if they think their child might be sick.
- Students and staff temperatures will be taken daily.

Food Service:

- K-5 will eat breakfast and lunch in the classroom
- 6-12 will use the cafeterias any gyms to maintain safe distancing with eating
- Students that pack a meal must use disposable bags
- No outside delivery of food will be permitted
- No access to water fountains will be permitted. The district will provide a reusable water bottle to all students.

Transportation:

- Student ridership will be limited due to state requirements of two students per seat. Three students may be allowed per seat if the students are from the same household.
- Seating charts and assigned seats are required to assist with contact tracing if needed.
- Students riding a bus (or other district operated vehicle) will be **REQUIRED** to wear a facial covering. Non-compliance will result in denial of transportation services.
- Student showing signs of illness will not be transported on a bus or district operated vehicle.
- Vehicle operators are required to wear a facial covering.
- Buses will be disinfected at the end of each trip including: all seats, handles, and other surfaces.
- Buses will operate; weather permitting, with windows open to increase circulation.

Facial Coverings: UPDATED 08/18/20

- Students in grades K-12 are **REQUIRED** to wear a facial covering (face mask).
- All students will be provided with a district issued face covering. Students may request a replacement covering, if needed, and on a one time basis.
- Staff members are required to wear a facial covering while in the school building or on school grounds.
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released additional guidance regarding the effectiveness of facial shields as a substitute for a facial covering (i.e.: mask). The Ohio Department of Health's Director's Order issued on August, 13, 2020 prohibits the school wide use of face shields as a substitute for a face mask. Certain exemptions apply:**

- Individuals with a medical condition including respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or a disability that contraindicates the wearing of a face mask;
- The individual is communicating or seeking to communicate with someone who is hearing impaired or has another disability, where an accommodation is appropriate or necessary;
- The individual is actively participating in outdoor recess and/or physical activity to maintain a distance of six feet or more or athletic practice, scrimmage, or competition that is permitted under a separate Department of Health Order;
- The individual is seated and actively consuming food or beverage;
- Where students and staff can maintain distancing of at least six feet and removal of the facial covering is necessary for instructional purposes, including instruction in foreign language, English language for non-native speakers, and other subjects where wearing a facial covering would prohibit participation in normal classroom activities, such as playing an instrument;
- Students are able to maintain a distance of six feet or more and a mask break is deemed necessary by the educator supervising the educational setting;
- The individual is alone in an enclosed space, such as an office; or
- When an established sincerely held religious requirement exists that does not permit a facial covering.

Visitors:

- Visitors are limited to emergency situations and enrollment.
- Basic safety protocols such as having temperature taken and symptoms checked may be implemented for all visitors permitted to enter the building.

Classroom:

- Classrooms will be free of clutter, unnecessary materials, furniture and personal items.
- Spaces must be easily accessible for regular sanitization.
- Classrooms will be furnished with hand sanitizing stations for students and staff, and staff will encourage and provide dedicated time for hand sanitization and hand washing.
- Classrooms, restrooms, and other common areas will be sanitized on a regular schedule throughout the day by district custodians and building staff.
- Student transitions will be limited at IES.
- Hallways in IHS and IMS will have floor markings to establish traffic flow and promote social distancing.
- Lockers at IHS and IMS will not be issued to students.
- Classrooms will be set up to ensure safe distancing, up to 6 feet, to the greatest extent possible.
 - Kindergarten tables will have Plexiglas dividers. Maximum of 3 students per table.
 - Grades 1-12 will have single seat desks.
 - Classrooms that contain workstation tables, such as art and science labs, will stagger seating to provide appropriate social distancing.
 - In some circumstances, non-traditional classrooms settings (ie. gyms, auditoriums, cafeterias, etc.) will be utilized to conduct classroom instruction in order to accommodate social distancing.

Recess/Gym/Physical Education:

- The district will limit student access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are “high contact,” or involve equipment that is difficult to clean, and/or activities that make it challenging to maintain social distancing.
- Students will be directed to sanitize their hands after recess.
- The district will utilize outdoor recess when deemed possible.

Student/Staff Health Issues (not related to COVID-19):

- Persons with a temperature >100 must stay home for 72 hours and be fever-free, without the use of medication, before returning to school or as directed by the child’s physician.

- Upon returning to the classroom or work, the individual's temperature will be taken, and a health assessment will be administered by the school nurse.
- For students, the parent/guardian will be required to bring the child to the office for the health assessment where they may or may not receive clearance to return to school.
- Any student sent to the office with an illness must be transported home by the parent/guardian.

Students and Staff Diagnosed with COVID-19: UPDATED 08/18/20

- Notification that a student or staff member has tested positive for COVID-19 will be issued by the Lawrence County Health Department (LCHD).
- The notification to parents will contain information deemed necessary by the LCHD
- The school district will cooperate and assist with the Health Department's work in social tracing **to determine if a student has been deemed as a direct contact of a positive case and needs to quarantine.**
- **Per CDC recommendations: any student/staff who tests positive for COVID-19 must stay home in isolation for at least 10 days, resolution of symptoms, be fever free for 24 hours (without fever-reducing medications), and must follow up with a healthcare provider for clearance to return to work/school.**
- **Anyone who is determined to be a direct contact (exposure) as determined by the LCHD will be required to quarantine at home for a 14 day period. Students who are in either isolation (positive case) or quarantine (direct contact) will be placed in remote learning during the isolation/quarantine period.**
- **The LCHD will provide a letter to the district explaining and defining what is considered to be direct contact to COVID-19. The district will in turn, inform parents. Any person who is deemed as a direct contact of a COVID-19 case will be expected to quarantine for 14 days after exposure.**
- Each building will have a quarantine area for students who are suspected of having symptoms related to COVID-19, until the parent can pick up the child.