

August 4, 2020

Dear Families:

Following guidance from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ohio Department of Education, the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and the Belmont County Health Department, the Barnesville Exempted School District has developed a plan for the 2020-2021 school year that follows Ohio's COVID-19 guidance. Our goal is to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff while continuing to provide high-quality instruction.

Our plan focuses on four levels of instructional delivery. These include the following:

Level 1: Five days of face-to-face instruction in buildings

Level 2: Hybrid approach: Students in person 2 days/Remote learning 3 days

Level 3: Specific building closure - Remote learning in that building only

Level 4: Remote learning for all students

The District will determine the instructional delivery level to be followed. This will be based upon state and local health department guidance.

Barnesville Exempted Village School District's Online Program

Only for the 2020-21 school year, parents can choose to enroll their children in the online program offered by the District. This option runs independently of the District's 4 Level approach. Students will be required to commit to a nine weeks period and some classes/electives may not be available. **If you want your child to participate in the online program, please contact the building principal by August 7.**

Every effort will be made to comply with the Governor's COVID-19 Restart Plan:

- I. Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms - Parents will be responsible for assessing the health of their child before school each day. In addition, District staff will be assessing students upon entry to the school each day. Families will be provided with a screening questionnaire to use each day to assess the health of their children.
- II. Wash and Sanitize Hands to Prevent Spread - Students will have the opportunity to wash their hands during the day. Furthermore, hand sanitizing dispensers will be located in highly traveled areas within the buildings, in each classroom, and on the bus.

- III. Thoroughly Clean and Sanitize School Environment to Limit Spread on Shared Surfaces - Highly touched surfaces will be sanitized during the day and a thorough cleaning/sanitization will occur each evening.
- IV. Practice Social Distancing - Every effort will be made to ensure social distancing occurs in all school environments such as classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeterias, playgrounds, and on the bus. Each school may designate an additional area for breakfast and lunch or students may eat in the classroom.
- V. Implement Face Coverings Policy - All staff are required to wear a face covering. Students will be required to wear a facial covering during transitions, on the bus, and at times when six feet of social distancing cannot be maintained. Furthermore, if the Governor's face mask mandate is still in effect at the time of students' first day, all students in grades 5 - 12 will be required to wear a mask. The District will have back up masks available for students, but parents are responsible for ensuring their children arrive at school with a facial covering.

The comprehensive plan for restarting the school year is available on the District's website. We will continue to provide information as it becomes available. Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Angela Hannahs

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