



# Marion Local School Reopening Plan *(as of 12-9-20)*

**PREFACE:** The Marion Local School district plans to begin school, as scheduled, on Wednesday, August 26, 2020 with students coming to school five days a week all day. This is a preliminary plan, which may be revised at any time as we gather new information. The plan below provides a safe and healthy environment with moderate restrictions, while assuring each student, staff, and visitor's well-being. We understand that parents have the freedom and responsibility to protect themselves and their children from Covid-19.

## **Masks**

Effective at 12:01 a.m. on August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020 the Governor declared facial coverings (masks) for all students, faculty, and staff per R.C. 3701.13. Marion Local has included this in our reopening plan. Exemptions are listed in this order, and Marion Local will use a common sense approach.

## **Food Service Protocol**

Marion Local will offer food service very similar to previous years with a few exceptions.

- There will be no self-service when going through the lunch line except for pre-packaged items.
- Condiments will be available in individual packets or distributed by cafeteria workers.
- We plan to use social distancing within the lunch room to the best of our ability.
- **Elementary:** We aren't using number pads at the cashiers table. Cards will be issued to each student.

## **Classroom Occupancy**

Classroom desks and all other furniture and furnishings within each classroom will be arranged to promote social distancing and each child's safety to the best of our ability. Cleaning and sanitizing of desks and high touch areas will be routinely carried out on a daily basis. Hand sanitizer will be available.

## **Visitors and Volunteers**

Visitors will generally be discouraged from coming into the building.

- The school will not be open to community members who want to walk.
- We recognize that parents and others may need access to our building for various reasons. Please know that these types of situations will be monitored on an individual basis.
- We will develop protocols such as temperature checks and use of hand sanitizer upon entry.

## **Transportation**

We will provide transportation to any student that is in need of transportation but we acknowledge that the bus is one of the most difficult places to implement safety precautions, as we have numerous students of different age groups sitting in close proximity. We are asking for help from the community in reducing the number of students on the bus. If families are able to transport their children to and from school this would be a tremendous help in reducing the number of students on the bus.

- We will allow two students per seat and in some instances three students if the children are younger and it's absolutely necessary.
- We may request that siblings sit together or children that all go to the same babysitter.
- Seating charts will be necessary and all students will be required to adhere to sitting in their assigned seat to assist in contact tracing if necessary.
- Masks are optional for students on the bus, and buses will be sanitized on a regular basis especially before and after extracurricular activities.

## **Recess**

- Students must sanitize their hands before and after recess.

### **Hand Washing**

- We will encourage the use of soap and water over hand sanitizer. Students are permitted to bring in their own hand sanitizer, but we will have sanitizer available at school.

### **Drinking Fountains**

- We are requiring each student to use bottles to use at our fill up stations. Traditional drinking fountains will be turned off.

### **Daily Self-Monitoring for Students and Staff**

Students and staff should check their temperature and health should be monitored on a daily basis before coming to school.

### **Parents Responsibility**

We need your help in preventing symptomatic students from coming to school. One student or visitor ignoring warning signs could have major consequences on our plan to continue in-person instruction.

We ask that each parent check your child for any of the following COVID-19 symptoms including a fever of 100 or above, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, or vomiting. If you have these symptoms please stay home. When making a decision to send your child to school we ask parents to error on the side of precaution. If your child has been exposed to someone who has tested positive for COVID 19 please keep your child home and notify the school.

### **Students Responsibility**

Students have an equally important role in the prevention of COVID being spread within the building. As much as a student may want to be in school or participate in an extracurricular activity it is essential that they report any symptoms listed above to their parents or school officials as soon as you are aware of them.

We know students are going to have allergies and come down with the seasonal flu which have similar symptoms.

- Wash your hands thoroughly before leaving your house for school each morning. Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer on a regular basis.
- Make a conscious effort to not touch your face, and limit touching other students' belongings.

### **Cleaning and Sanitizing School Environment**

We will clean surfaces frequently, paying close attention to high touch areas and shared materials, and make sanitation wipes or disinfectants available to each room and common space. The sharing of supplies and materials should be minimized and if items must be shared, sanitized between each user.

### **Remote Learning**

If there is an increase in the rate of the spread of Covid-19 detected in our community and within the school and it becomes necessary to close the building to reduce the rate of infection, we have a plan for returning to remote learning. Remote learning will be different than what students experienced last spring. Rigor and accountability will resemble that of the normal classroom setting. Teachers will deliver daily virtual lessons much like they would in person. We will begin individual tutoring immediately for students who are struggling and falling behind. Students will be required to do work each day and turn in assignments much like they would during a typical school day. When a student is absent for a short period of time, remote learning will take place when the student is physically capable.

If a student, or family member of a student who has an underlying health condition which puts them at greater risk of serious complications, is exposed to the virus we will provide accommodation, and, if needed, we will provide remote learning in lieu of attending in-person classes. We will handle these cases on an individual basis and encourage you to give the school a call to make these arrangements.

### **Mercer County Health Dept. (COVID-19 Exposure)**

A person considered “exposed” is a person that had close contact with a lab confirmed case of COVID-19, or they have had close contact with someone who is symptomatic and had close contact with a confirmed case. Close contact is defined as spending more than 15 minutes within 6 feet of someone.

### **Mercer County Health Dept. (Positive Test for COVID-19)**

The health department may be in contact with the student, parents, and the school to determine who the person’s close contacts are. These people would be required to self-quarantine and monitor symptoms for 14 days. The more we can do to limit the number of people each student or staff member comes into close contact with, the fewer people will need to be excluded when someone tests positive for COVID-19. *(When a student is absent for a short period of time, remote learning will take place when the student is physically capable.)*

### **Student and Staff Illnesses**

- Please refer to the Mercer County Health District Decision Tree on the next page.

### **Returning to School after Illness**

- Please refer to the Mercer County Health District Decision Tree on the next page.

# Mercer County Health District

<p>People with symptoms suggestive of COVID-19</p>	<p>People who received a lab test for COVID-19</p>	<p>People who have not received a lab test for COVID-19</p>	<p>People who were exposed to someone with COVID-19</p>	<p>People with symptoms caused by another condition</p>
<p><b>Symptoms:</b> At least two of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle aches, headache, sore throat, nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, fatigue, congestion or runny nose Or <b>One of the following:</b> cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, new olfactory disorder, or new taste disorder.</p> <p>Persons with the above symptoms should be sent home from school and should seek evaluation by their primary care provider or another healthcare provider.</p> <p><b>Definitions:</b> <b>Quarantine:</b> No symptoms and exposed to someone with or presumed to have COVID-19. <b>Optimal duration:</b> stay home for at least 14 days. <b>Reduced duration 1:</b> Stay home for 10 days and self-monitor for symptoms for 14 days. <b>Reduced duration 2:</b> stay home for 7 days and test negative. <b>Isolation (ill):</b> Have symptoms consistent with COVID-19. Stay home for 10 days after symptoms began.</p>	<p><b>Pending test result:</b> Home isolation of person and quarantine of their household while result is pending</p> <p><b>Positive test result:</b> Isolate at home; Return to school after 10 days since first symptoms AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicines AND symptoms improving.</p> <p>Household members and close contacts (people who have been within 6 feet of someone with COVID-19 for 15 minutes or more) are to quarantine at home for 10 days and self-monitor for 14 days.</p> <p><b>Negative test result AND a healthcare provider has determined COVID-19 remains the most probable diagnosis (i.e. an alternative diagnosis does not explain symptoms):</b> Isolate at home; Return to school after 10 days since first symptoms AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicines AND symptoms improving</p> <p>Household members and close contacts are to quarantine at home for 10 days and self-monitor for 14 days.</p>	<p><b>COVID-19 diagnosis without lab confirmation:</b> Isolate at home; Return to school after 10 days since first symptoms AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicines AND symptoms improving</p> <p><b>If a person does not seek medical evaluation:</b> Isolate at home; Return to school after 10 days since first symptoms AND no fever for at least 24 hours without fever-reducing medicines AND symptoms improving</p> <p>It is recommended that these people contact their primary care provider.</p>	<p>Persons should quarantine at home for 10 days and self-monitor for 14 days from last exposure if they were a close contact (within 6 feet for 15 minutes or longer) to a person with diagnosed COVID-19 during the infectious period.</p> <p><b>Infectious periods:</b> A person with COVID-19 is considered infectious beginning 48 hours before their first symptom through Day 10 after their first symptom. The day of their first symptom is Day 0.</p> <p>An asymptomatic person is considered infectious 48 hours before their test date through Day 10 after their test date. The test date is Day 0.</p>	<p>Stay home until symptoms have improved. Follow specific guidance from provider.</p> <p>Follow ODH communicable disease chart and school policy on return to school for other illnesses.</p> <p>Please see the attached ODH Recommended Options.</p> <p>Please note that Mercer Health Hospital is not testing persons that do not have symptoms.</p> <p>Please note that the Mercer County Health District will not have negative test results.</p>

