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Persistence and resiliency kept Chippewa Local Schools navigating through a pandemic. I know our staff did a phenomenal job in maintaining services to our children. A HUGE THANK YOU goes out to our parents for their support and flexibility in such an unprecedented time. Collectively we learned more about ourselves, developed new teaching and learning skills and found ways to make the best of an impossible situation.

This letter is to inform you of our Chippewa Local Schools Back to School Plan for the 2021-22 school year. Based on the current guidelines from Governor DeWine, the Ohio Department of Education, and the local health department, we are now able to announce our tentative plan. With safety and health of our students and staff being our foremost concern, Chippewa Local Schools will return to school in the traditional format (with additional safety and cleaning measures) five days a week. We strongly believe the traditional format is the best educational learning model for most students.

Chippewa Local Schools will work to decrease the likelihood of infection through additional hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures. Enclosed in this mailing are the additional safety precautions that will be in place. However, please understand being in a public place has a certain level of risk associated with the environment that is out of our control.

Chippewa Local Schools in consultation with the Wayne County Health Department and Governor DeWine could elect, at any time, to mandate a change in learning environments, if cases within the school begin to escalate to a severe risk level.

Chippewa Local Schools will establish an online school called, Chippewa Virtual Learning Academy, Contact Mr. Matt Rodriguez at chip_mrodriguez@tccsa.net for more information if your child plans on attending the Chippewa Virtual Learning Academy. If you have any questions please feel free to contact the board office (330-658-6368). We appreciate your support and we will continue to keep you informed should guidelines change.

**Todd S. Osborn
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Chippewa Local Schools**

Chippewa Local School District
Back to School
2021-2022 School Year

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all the parents for their support and understanding this past school year. Though masks and vaccinations are not required to attend or work in schools, we will allow anyone to wear a face mask. I appreciate the time and willingness the entire Chippewa Staff has put forward in order to ensure the best possible education for our children.

The Ohio Department of Health released [updated recommendations for K-12 schools](#). The guidance strongly recommends COVID-19 vaccinations for staff and eligible students; consistent mask-wearing for individuals who are not yet fully vaccinated; and layering prevention measures that include good ventilation, regular cleaning, handwashing, covering coughs and sneezes and staying home when sick. The Ohio Department of Health also strongly recommends those who are not fully vaccinated consistently wear masks, which have proven a very effective tool for reducing the spread of the virus. Chippewa Local Schools will abide by all mandates regarding masks in school as directed by the Wayne County Health Department and/or the Ohio Department of Health.

Listed below are the procedures and details for operation when we return school. This information is for planning purposes and we expect changes as information is disseminated to the school district from the Wayne County Health Department and Governor DeWine.

- The school year will begin on Wednesday, August 18, for all students.
- Building Principals will send information out regarding their buildings for the start of the school year.
- In high-use areas and high-touch surfaces, a strict daily cleaning protocol will be followed. This includes: busses, cafeterias, restrooms, classrooms, recess equipment and all areas used throughout a school day.
- Students will attend school daily for full days with the following adjustments:
 1. Face coverings are required for all students on bus transportation.
 2. All Students may choose to wear masks during the school day.
 3. All staff are recommended to wear face coverings if they are not vaccinated.
 4. Frequent hand-washing will be part of the daily routine. Hand sanitizer will be readily available.
 5. CIS and Jr/Sr High School classrooms will plan to achieve as much socially distancing as possible.
 6. Teachers will be provided sanitation supplies, desk carrels and other barriers when adequate distancing may not be feasible.
 7. Lunch periods will be altered to allow for additional spacing. In some cases, areas other than the cafeteria will be used for tables/seating.
 8. Food service will follow guidelines such as no self-serve foods, individual packaging of condiments, etc., and spacing in serving lines
 9. Drinking fountains will be shut off, but water bottles and filling stations will be provided (or students may bring their own water bottle).
 10. Arrival and dismissal procedures are designed to avoid congestion in any one area and strictly enforced by the Doylestown Police Department.
 11. Recess is altered so playground areas are structured to ensure safety and with less students at one time.

12. Transitions (between classrooms, going to the restroom, etc.) are designed to avoid congestion in the halls and crossover with groups of students. Utilization of directional arrows and signage in hallways will help with health and safety measures.

- **Furthermore, expect additional guidance on the following:**
 - 1. Visitor and Volunteer access to a school building will be significantly curtailed or eliminated.**
 - 2. Protocols are in place with the Wayne County Health Department for contact tracing, quarantine and return-to-school guidelines in the event of positive cases.**
 - 3. We will communicate as often as possible through School Messenger, Final Forms, (Email), district and building websites, and, occasionally, through traditional mail.**

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HEALTH SERVICES

Student & Parents/Guardians Expectations

Parents/Guardians (*Appendix B*)

- Conduct a child wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F are **required** to stay home.
- Ensure contact information is up-to-date in the event the nurse needs to contact home.
- Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.

Students

- Use designated entrances and exits to the office.
- Follow physical distancing protocols, as much as possible, when in office.
- Students who have a fever or show other symptoms related to COVID-19 will be kept away from other students and staff. The student will be supervised and monitored, in a separate location from the nurse's normal office/room, while waiting to be picked up from school.

Staff Expectations

Nurse

- A mask is recommended when working with children if you are not vaccinated.
- Ensure the workspace is kept clean and sanitized.
- Ensure physical distancing protocols are followed whenever possible.
- Quarantine students, who are showing symptoms, to a separate area away from other students already in the clinic.
- Ensure the clinic is disinfected immediately following a student entering who is exhibiting symptoms.
- Ensure doors to the clinic are open to minimize use of door handles and to ensure maximum air flow to the area.

Custodians

- Disinfect clinic based on schedule provided by school administration. This includes, but is not limited to, door handles, countertops, seating areas, restrooms, etc.
- Disinfect the quarantine area after students who utilize the area have left the building.

Administration

- Install barriers, as needed, to protect employees working in the nurse's office and clinic.
- Ensure proper signage is installed.
- Ensure regular cleaning and disinfecting takes place in the office area.
- Ensure seating areas are properly physically distanced.
- Ensure the student quarantine area is properly supervised when in use.

FAMILY EXPECTATIONS

Parents/Guardians (*Appendix B*)

- Conduct a child wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school.
- Students with temperatures over 100°F are **required** to stay home.
- Report your child off from school using standard procedures.
- Ensure you have caregivers available to pick up children who fall ill at school.
- Ensure your children wash their hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Provide children with a backpack large enough to carry all materials to limit locker stops. K-2 students will be able to keep materials in their classrooms.
- Materials will not be shared between students. All students must have the required supplies and a pencil box or way to keep supplies organized each day.

Student Expectations

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer often.
- Carry a backpack large enough to carry all materials to limit locker stops. K-2 students will be able to keep materials in their classrooms. Materials will not be shared, so students must have their own materials.
- Cover coughs and sneezes (with the sleeve or elbow, not the hand).
- Avoid touching your face – specifically your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Do not touch any other person.

TRANSPORTATION

Parents/Guardians

- Conduct a child wellness check, including temperature, prior to sending a student to school. Students with temperatures over 100°F are **required** to stay home.
- Children are **required** to wear masks on school buses.

Students

- Wearing a mask is **required** on a school bus.
- Upon entering the bus, move to the rear and take the open seat closest to the back, seats may be assigned by the bus driver.
- Maintain appropriate physical distances while at the bus stop, as much as possible.
- Every attempt will be made to assign no more than 2 students per seat.
- While getting on the bus, wait until the person in front of you is past the driver before entering.
- Upon exiting the bus, the driver will dismiss you by seats, starting with those seated at the front and working their way towards the back of the bus. Do not stand up, or get out of your seat, unless instructed to do so by the driver.
- Upon entrance into the school, proceed immediately to your classroom.
- Remain seated, facing forward, the entire time while riding the bus.
- Any student who violates the established protocols will lose the privilege of school transportation.

Transportation Department

- A face covering is **required** for bus drivers.
- Provide reminders to students of bus expectations-least number of students per seat as possible, seated facing forward, and so forth.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report any repeated expectation violators to the office.
- Ensure the bus is disinfected following outlined safety protocols.
- Reduce the number of transfers and overall time on buses for students.
- Monitor drop off and dismissal to ensure students do not congregate in groups.
- **Assign student seating and attempt to not assign more than 2 students per seat**
- Provide consequences, including loss of privilege to ride the bus, to those who violate rules and safety protocols.

STAFF EXPECTATIONS

All Employees: (Appendix C)

- Facial coverings are recommended for staff not vaccinated.
- Conduct a wellness check, including temperature, prior to coming to work. Employees with temperatures over 100°F are **required** to stay home.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer often.
- Cover coughs and sneezes (with the sleeve or elbow, not the hand).
- Do not touch any other person - except in the case of an emergency where student safety is at risk.

Teachers/Assistants

- Ensure classroom setup of desks provides as much physical distancing for students, as possible.
- When physical distancing is not possible, ensure physical barriers are in place to assist with COVID-19 spread prevention.
- Ensure students maintain physical distance whenever possible.
- Ensure time is set aside for students to wash hands.
- Ensure students have access to sanitizer or disinfecting materials.
- Provide guidance & constant support regarding safety precautions and procedures.
- Provide reminders, issue warnings, contact parents/caregivers, and report any repeated expectation violators to the office.

Custodians

- Make sure teachers are provided with all supplies needed daily, including disinfectant and paper towels.
- Disinfect classrooms daily & follow all new cleaning protocols.

Administration

- Ensure safety measures, protocols, and new guidelines are in place & reinforced.
- Maximize social distancing whenever possible.
- Ensure supplies are readily available for staff.

Chippewa Local Schools

Chippewa Virtual Learning Academy

1. Students needing an electronic device must complete the device “Sign Out and Responsibility Form” located in the main office of the Jr/Sr High School.
2. Students who choose online learning will be expected to complete the grade level curriculum and all assignments that are part of the learning process.
3. The district will be using a variety of web-based programs depending upon on subject and grade level, but the primary instructional virtual program will be Acellus. Ms. Shaffer will be the teacher monitoring all online students.
4. Ms. Shaffer may require students to attend school for particular testing and may interact with students virtually through Google Meets.
5. Student promotion will be dependent on work completion, online time and work accuracy.
6. A parent/student must attend orientation in order to participate in the Chippewa Virtual Learning Academy (CVLA).
7. Parents/students agree to online learning for a semester at a time (unless otherwise approved by Superintendent).
8. For online learning, the teacher will establish the hours that he/she is available for assistance, live lessons, and office hours.
9. Parents and students will be contacted via phone, messaging applications, and email.
10. Parents and students must maintain internet access for remote learning.
11. Acellus online learning platform will be utilized for all students choosing to enroll in CVLA.

*If you elect this option for your student, please complete the Enrollment Form on the next page and return to the school by August 12, 2021.

*You can also email the document chip_mrodriguez@tccsa.net

*Please call the school offices with questions.

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Chippewa Virtual Learning Academy Registration Form

Name: _____

Date: _____

Grade: _____

GPA: _____

What courses are you planning on taking?

Choose one of the following:

_____ Request a Chippewa Chromebook

_____ I have my own electronic device and can access online instruction and Google Meet.

Administrator Signature & Date _____

Guidance Signature & Date: _____

Student Signature & Date: _____

Parent Signature & Date: _____

Parent Reference

To help keep students, staff and families safe during the current pandemic, we are asking our Chippewa families to go through this health questionnaire each morning PRIOR to coming to school/getting on the bus.

If your student or any member of the household has one or more of the following, please stay home and contact your primary care physician for further recommendations.

Temp of 100.0 or greater prior to taking any fever reducing medications

Chills

Cough

Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

Fatigue

Muscle or Body aches

Headache

New loss of taste or smell

Sore throat

Congestion or runny nose

Nausea or vomiting

Diarrhea

Has tested positive for Covid-19

Has been exposed to/in contact with someone that has tested positive for Covid-19

- Please note other illnesses have similar symptoms to Covid-19 and we recommend contacting your primary care physician for further guidance.
- Current Covid-19 recommendations can be found online at [CDC.GOV](https://www.cdc.gov) or [Ohio.gov](https://www.ohio.gov)

COVID-19 Teacher Reference

Symptoms of COVID-19:

- Fever/Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Please send to the office for temp/symptom check when:

- **Any concern for breathing difficulty- please note that this is a medical emergency, call for help ASAP**
- Student complains of feeling ill with aches, headache or sore throat
- Appears tired or ill appearing, behavior seems changed
- Any vomiting or diarrhea
- Coughing or runny nose seems heavy, more than once or twice, student appears ill.
- If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the clinic for further guidance