

January 15, 2020

Parents,

It is wonderful to have the majority of our students back in our school buildings with us every day. They seem to be just as excited to be here as our staff members are to have them back. I have a few updates from you this week including (1) a new state-level change in the physical distancing requirement - within school buildings and on buses - that results in the need to quarantine from possible exposure to COVID-19 and (2) discussions taking place related to the athletic league that Maumee is a member of - the Northern Lakes League.

Changes in Quarantine Protocol

Recent guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, as well as the Toledo Lucas County Health Department, states that based on a study of the spread of COVID-19 in the school environment, the distance for determining the need to exclude a student(s) from attending school following a COVID-19 exposure has been changed from 6 feet to 3 feet - unless the exposure came while participating in an activity such as lunch where masks are not worn. Maumee is using new terminology to differentiate between a full quarantine requirement and the new requirement: “**Quarantine with School Privileges.**” Notification letters will still be sent to keep you informed.

Quarantine with School Privileges Explained: During this newly designated quarantine, a student may continue to attend school and ride the school bus. A “Quarantine with School Privileges” designation is made only when the possible close contact with a COVID-19 positive individual occurs in a classroom or on a school bus and specific COVID-19 preventative measures were in place. These preventative measures must include masks being worn at all times and physical distancing of 3 feet or more. Outside of attending school and riding the bus, normal quarantine protocols still apply for 14 days from the date of exposure. These protocols include staying at home and if possible staying away from people who are at a higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. During a “Quarantine with School Privileges,” students may **not** participate in or attend any Maumee City School’s extracurricular activities including sports practices and games.

Northern Lakes League May See Changes in Next Year or Two

News broke earlier this week that discussions have been taking place and schools are considering athletic league realignments. Maumee has been an active member during these discussions. The current eight-member Northern Lakes League is looking to expand the league into two divisions, each with eight public school members. A school’s division would be based on their overall student population numbers over a four-year period. The goal set forth by current NLL member schools is to maintain the history and reputation of the league (originally started as the Great Northern Conference in 1945 with Maumee as a charter member) while creating a stronger and more stable league for years to come. This process will take many months to complete and league changes are not expected to be in place for the

2021-22 school year. Additional details will be shared with parents as they become available.

REMINDER: Upcoming Days When School is Not in Session

Mon., Jan. 18 - Martin Luther King Day (No In-person Classes, No MVP -- Grades K-12)

Fri., Jan. 29 - Elementary & Middle School Records Day (No In-person Classes, No MVP -- Grades K-8)

Mon., Feb. 15 - Presidents Day (No In-person Classes, No MVP -- Grades K-12)

Student's Chromebooks Not Working or Having Connectivity Issues?

If your student needs a Chromebook repair or you are having connectivity issues, please email helpdesk@maumeek12.org as soon as possible so he/she does not lose any learning time. Maumee tech staff members are available Monday - Friday. Tech Department: 419-893-8778 (option # 7 in the auto-attendant).

FOR PARENTS OF MVP STUDENTS ONLY - SURVEY TO COMPLETE

The third quarter begins for grades K-8 on Monday, February 1. **Parents of all MVP students are asked to complete the learning option survey no later than Wednesday, January 13. Decisions are made for the entire quarter.** [LINK TO SURVEY](#). A learning choice survey for high school MVP students will be sent to parents closer to the start of the third trimester.

FOR PARENTS OF MVP STUDENTS ONLY - MEAL ORDER FORM

Students attending school virtually are eligible to receive meals on a weekly basis from Maumee City Schools Food Service. Meals are available for pick-up on Mondays from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Gateway Middle School - Door 12. [PLEASE REGISTER FOR MEALS USING THIS LINK](#). You may also call the food service office at 419-893-1182.

Link to Maumee City Schools Staff Email List

If you need to contact a teacher or other staff member directly, our staff directory can always be found on the district website. [Link](#)

Community COVID-19 Health & Symptom & Testing Information

The Lucas County Health Department has established a 24/7 Nurse Hotline 419-251-4000 or 419-291-5355

Resources to Meet Social-Emotional Needs of Students

Maumee's school counselors are available to assist students and parents but they are not able to maintain 24/7 access to email. If there is a counseling emergency that cannot wait, please reach out to agencies that do have 24/7 access.

Other Community Resources for Social-Emotional Health Needs

Maumee Police & Maumee Fire/EMS - 9-1-1

Rescue Mental Health & Addiction Services - 419-255-9585
National Suicide Prevention Lifeline - 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
ProMedica Toledo Children's Hospital - 419-291-5437
United Way - 2-1-1

Maumee High School

[Justin Fults](#) (students 9-12 w/ last names beginning with A-F & Penta)

[Courtney Gilts](#) (students 9-12 w/ last names beginning with G-M)

[Donna Fleitz](#) (students 9-12 w/ last names beginning with N-Z)

Gateway Middle School

[Brooke Potts](#) (Teams Intrepid, Zenith, Valor)

[Jake Tapley](#) (Teams Pinnacle, Triumph, Summit)

Wayne Trail Elementary School

[Ryan Osier](#)

Fort Miami Elementary School

[Shannon Cusumano](#)

Fairfield Elementary School

[Amy Johnson](#)