



## **Maumee City Schools 2020-2021 Reset and Restart Plan**

Maumee City Schools has spent the summer engaging parents, staff, community leaders, and health care professionals as we prepare to welcome our students back to school. Safety has been our highest priority as we work to ensure an engaged and connected educational experience for all students. Our plan has been approved by the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and it is based on guidelines agreed to by a consortium of northwest Ohio school districts. This said, the past few weeks have been a reminder as to how pervasive COVID-19 is across our region, state, and country. We are counting on everyone to embrace the personal responsibility and resolve that are vital to our progress toward returning face to face instruction this August. We cannot eliminate the virus from our community, and school will feel differently this fall than it has in the past. We are working tirelessly to create the best environment we can for students to learn, work and engage in sports and activities. It is incumbent on all of us to keep ourselves and others safe.

I want to thank our reopening task forces that included over 50 staff, parents and health care professionals for the time and effort to create a thorough, comprehensive reset and restart plan.

Dr. Todd Cramer, Superintendent



### **Academic Options**

When we asked families about their preferences for our reopening this fall, most wanted their children to come back

in person, but some said they preferred an online option. This year we will be offering both an in person instruction option as well as a 100% online educational experience.

### **In Person Option - Learning at School**

In person instruction will take place Mon-Fri, the same hours as last year. Students who choose this option will return to their school in August, taking health and safety precautions. If we need to quarantine a classroom, a school or the entire district because of a COVID-19 outbreak, our in-person students and teachers would move together to remote learning. We have been hard at work this summer to improve this plan, based on the feedback we received from students, teachers and families, and to enhance the instructional program we used when we shut down this past spring.

### **Online Option - Learning at Home**

If you want to choose Maumee City Schools Online for the entire first trimester/quarter, please select this option on the survey form you receive. We will then contact you to share additional information as well as arrange a time for device distribution.

Those choosing this option need to make a commitment for an entire trimester/quarter, as it is not an option to flex in and out of this choice. While this option will be overseen by a Maumee staff member, the actual instruction may be asynchronous and not in a live format.

Students who are part of Maumee's Online Learning at Home option may still fully participate in athletics, clubs and other extracurricular activities.



## Health and Safety Precautions

We are taking every precaution possible to try to keep our students and our staff safe during this

COVID-19 pandemic. Although specific details might vary slightly from school to school, because of differences in things like building layouts and grade levels, there are basic health and safety precautions we will be taking district-wide.

**Panther Health Pledge-** We are asking for your help in keeping our buildings “COVID-19 Free” by following our [district's guidelines](#), pledging to report your child's illness, and keeping students at home when necessary.

**Staggered Start-** All students will begin the year on a staggered start schedule to allow time to learn new protocols in smaller groups. That schedule is included in the linked FAQ at the end of this document.

**Temperatures-** All students must have their temperature checked at home and stay home if it is 100 degrees or higher. Upon arrival at school, all students will have their temperature taken by a staff member and it will be double-checked by a healthcare professional if it is 100 or higher.

**Masks-** All students will be required to wear a mask/face covering throughout the school day including when riding a bus. Exceptions will be made (e.g. medical conditions, disabilities, or when proper social distancing is achieved). We will also take into consideration practical expectations for our youngest students, during lunch as well as for those participating in rigorous activities.

**Physical Distancing-** We will strive to maintain 6 feet of physical distancing in classrooms based on the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation.

**Sanitation-** High touch surfaces will be cleaned throughout the day. All surfaces will be cleaned and disinfected every evening after staff and students leave the building. The district will also use disinfecting machines throughout the week. Students will be taught and provided time to engage in proper handwashing as well as the proper use of hand sanitizer. Hand sanitizer stations have been installed throughout our buildings.

**Lunch-** Students will be spaced throughout the cafeteria and sit in an assigned seat. Lunch choices will most likely be limited. No outside deliveries will be permitted. Some students may eat in their classrooms.

**Transportation-** Students will be required to wear a mask, have their temperature taken, and use the hand sanitizer station on the bus. Students will be seated with a sibling when applicable and there will be up to 2 students per seat. Busses will load from the back to the front when possible.

**Water-** Students will be requested to bring a refillable water bottle to school as the turn handle drinking fountains will not be accessible. Water refill stations have been installed in each building.

**Large Classes** (Band, Orchestra, etc)- We will take all the safety precautions we can including relocating these activities to nontraditional (larger) spaces, however, we can't always provide full physical distancing or ensure mask-wearing during all activities.

**Visitors-** There will be no visitors or guests in our buildings. Exceptions may be made for essential business as determined by the building principal. All guests must wear a mask, have their temperature taken, and complete a COVID-19 health checklist.



## Social-Emotional Supports

We are committed to providing all students

the support they need regardless of the educational option parents choose.

Our district counselors have assembled community [resources and supports](#). Please do not hesitate to call the school counselor if you have any questions or concerns.



### Flexibility

While we are working hard to provide a safe environment for all our students and staff, the reality is there are many factors out of our control.

We may need to pivot and flex in and out of in-person instruction, a hybrid model, or have all students attend via an online learning format. The same holds true should there be a student/staff member who is exposed to the virus as we will follow the guidance of the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department which may include quarantining an entire class, several classes or a school building. Please have plans in place for your child to be able to learn from home should we need to utilize this option.

We are committed to providing you with open, honest communication and will continue to be here to answer your questions and listen to your concerns.



### Frequently Asked Questions

You will continue to receive updates about our Reset & Restart Plan as more details are determined or situations

change. Use our [FAQ](#) to learn more. If you are interested in more details about the work of our four task forces, please feel free to review the [presentation](#) shared with our Board of Education on July 20.

The **FAQ** and other documents focused on the reopening of school this August can be found on our [Reset & Restart School webpage](#) and we will continue to

**update this page as we get closer to the start of the school year.**

If you have questions that are not answered in the [FAQ](#) document, please email them to [nsayre@maumee12.org](mailto:nsayre@maumee12.org) so that we can direct them to the appropriate principal or district administrator and/or send you an immediate response.

[Link to Parent Survey to select the best learning option for each child](#)

[Link to the Lucas County Health Department COVID-19 webpage for the most current coronavirus information](#)

[Link to the CDC Coronavirus webpage](#)

**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

You can help prevent the spread of respiratory illnesses with these actions:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose & mouth.
- Practice social distancing by putting space between yourself & others.
- Wash hands often with soap & water for at least 20 seconds.

cdc.gov/coronavirus

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**CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)**

Patients with COVID-19 have reportedly had mild to severe respiratory illness. Symptoms can include

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

\*Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure.

Seek medical advice if you develop symptoms, and have been in close contact with a person known to have COVID-19 or if you live in or have recently been in an area with ongoing spread of COVID-19.

cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms

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