

North Baltimore Local Schools Continuity of Service Plan

Plan Description

North Baltimore Local Schools will continue to work collaboratively with employees to provide in-person learning opportunities with a focus on closing achievement gaps and addressing the social, emotional and mental health needs of students. Additionally, we will continue to work with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and Wood County Health Department (WCHD) to ensure we are adjusting safety procedures as necessary.

North Baltimore Local Schools will not be mandating vaccinations for students or employees. However, we do encourage families to educate themselves on facts regarding the vaccine from trusted sources.

Additionally, North Baltimore Local Schools has partnered with the Wood County Health Department to hold multiple vaccination clinics at North Baltimore High School for employees, students and community members during the spring and summer of 2021.

North Baltimore Locals Schools 2021-2022 School Year COVID-19 Guidance

While we plan to remain flexible with our decisions, our hope is to return to school in 2021-2022 as normally as possible. We may determine that grade levels have different guidance, but we will continue to loosen the restrictions that are in place as much as we can based on the numbers in our community.

Masks

- All students and employees may choose to wear a mask at any time, but they are not required to do so.
- The team may create a health plan for students who are medically fragile based on the school district's physician input form. This may include preferential seating, mask guidance, etc.

Social Distancing

- The 3 and 6 foot rule is no longer required, but maintaining distance when possible will result in lower spread for all communicable diseases, not just COVID-19.
- If you are able to maintain social distancing without disrupting your activity, the school district would recommend keeping that in place.

Materials/Cleaning

- Materials can be shared.
- If a student or employees prefers their own materials, this will be accommodated.
- Handwashing and sanitizing should continue as these are healthy hygiene practices that have always been encouraged.
- Employees will continue normal cleaning and sanitizing routines of common surfaces, as this falls under healthy hygiene practices that have always been encouraged.

- Materials removed from the classrooms due to the pandemic may be returned.
- Plexiglass barriers currently in place are optional. They may be kept in place if they do not interfere with learning and employees would like it to remain. It may also be removed from classrooms or used for small group work and other situations where social distancing is not possible.
- Playground equipment and recess will return to regular usage and activities.

Reporting/Contact Tracing/Attendance

- Positive individuals should stay home or be sent home immediately.
- Positive test results should be reported to the Wood County Health Department at 419-352-8402.
- Contact tracing is being conducted by the Wood County Health Department.
- The School nurse will continue to screen using the internal screening tool.
- The school district will defer to the Wood County Health Department for return dates and decisions on isolation/quarantine. A summary follows:
 - Vaccinated students/employees do not have to quarantine or be tested if they are exposed to COVID-19.
 - Vaccinated students/employees who **become symptomatic** after an exposure should utilize a free rapid test kit from the school board office and return to school/work if negative.
 - Regardless of vaccination, students/employees should remain home and isolate for 10 days if positive.
 - Unvaccinated students/employees who are exposed to COVID-19 should quarantine for 10 days if the exposure took place outside of a classroom setting where masks were required to be worn.
- Students or employees will either be sent home or masked in the current clinics if they are symptomatic.

Attendance

- Employees are to report absences as sick days as with any other illness. All Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) leave days have expired.
- The school district will continue to use the COVID-19 attendance code if students are reported absent for positive COVID-19 tests, sent home for COVID-19-like symptoms or quarantined/isolated by the Wood County Health Department.
- If a student is sent home by the school nurse for COVID-19-like symptoms, the nurse will communicate with the attendance secretary to mark the student absent using the COVID-19 attendance code.
- The school district will defer to the Wood County Health Department for return to school dates and decisions on isolation/quarantine.
- Communication to families regarding isolation/quarantine decisions will come from the Wood County Health Department.
- Families should report absences through the attendance line. By indicating the absence is due to COVID-19, the absence will be coded accordingly.
- Make-up work will be communicated by the classroom teacher as with any other illness.
- Schools will follow their homework policies in terms of make-up assignments.

Food and Beverages/Lunch

- We will follow regular food and beverage guidance as outlined in school handbooks.
- All schools will have students eating in the cafeteria.
- Plexiglass is not required, but may be kept in place as an additional barrier during lunch.

- Social distancing is not possible with all students in the cafeteria, but students will be distanced as much as possible.

Meetings

- Zoom is still an option for school district meetings.
- Parent/guardian meetings may continue to be conducted via Zoom when convenient. In-person meetings will be held when requested by the parent/guardian or deemed most appropriate by the team.

Guests/Visitors

- Guests and visitors will be allowed in school district buildings.
- Guests and visitors should self-screen for symptoms and stay home if symptomatic for any illness.
- Guests and visitors will follow regular check-in procedures and rules outlined in school handbooks.

Transportation

- High school bussing will resume.
- Students will not be socially distanced on the busses.
- Parents/guardians have the option of providing their own transportation.
- Masks will be required on school bus and van transportation.

Capacity

- Large gatherings indoors do not have a capacity limit.
- Outdoor gatherings do not have a capacity limit.

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