



**A RESPONSIBLE PLAN TO RE-OPEN SCHOOLS**  
**Springboro Community City School District**  
**2020-2021**

Although the District and each school building has safety protocols in place, students who attend school will incur a level of risk. The District will utilize hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures in each building in an attempt to decrease the likelihood of infection, but a certain level of inherent risk of being in a public place cannot be eliminated.

- ✓ Students will be distanced to the largest degree possible within existing school facilities; there is no guarantee that six feet can be maintained;
- ✓ Students will be instructed on hand washing and hygiene standards and will be expected to conduct themselves accordingly;
- ✓ Cafeterias will distance as much as possible and use individually packaged and contained food;
- ✓ Facemasks are required for students, staff, and visitors as determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the Warren County Department of Health. Governor DeWine ordered on August 15<sup>th</sup> that Face Shields could not be used as replacement for a face mask that must securely cover the nose, mouth, and chin;
- ✓ Additional cleaning and disinfecting will occur throughout the school district;
- ✓ “High touch” areas will be reduced;
- ✓ Buses will have assigned seating;
- ✓ Recesses and playgrounds will be highly regulated to reduce physical contact and high touch surfaces;
- ✓ Visitors and volunteers are discouraged except when approved by the building administrator;
- ✓ Virtual meetings are encouraged where possible and effective;
- ✓ “Well” clinic, “Sick” clinic, and a “Holding” clinic will be created;
- ✓ Field trips are not permitted;
- ✓ Seating charts will be used to the highest degree possible to facilitate any needed contact tracing.

**PREVENTATIVE MEASURES**

- Staff and students are asked to perform a health assessment, including taking temperature, prior to coming to school each day. If any symptoms of COVID-19 are present, this individual should not come to school
- Per the CDC and Warren County Health Department guidelines, any family member in the same household as a person who tests positive for COVID-19 should quarantine for fourteen (14) days
- Anyone traveling out of the country may be asked to quarantine for fourteen (14) days before returning to school

## **SPRINGBORO COMMUNITY CITY SCHOOLS RESPONSE TO OHIO PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM**

The intention of this is NOT to create mandatory policies for each level, rather, to describe that higher levels of the Advisory System will result in more restrictive safety protocols in the schools.

### **LEVEL 1 (YELLOW)**

1. Schools are open with a heightened sense of safety, through required face masks, cleaning, and social distancing where possible.

### **LEVEL 2 (ORANGE)**

1. Schools will be open, and students will have a choice of attending school or they may choose to stay at home with a virtual learning platform as determined by the school district. Students who choose the virtual learning option will have standards for attendance and completion of all assignments. Students who select virtual learning may choose to return to in-school classes at the quarter.

2. Cafeteria seating spaced to largest extent possible.

- All food will be distributed according to the Warren County Health Department guidelines. All food will be individually packaged and contained. We would prefer money be put on account either using PaySchools Central or by bringing checks or cash to the office or cafeteria by 9 in the morning. Cash and checks will be accepted in serving lines, but no change will be provided to limit common contact between student and staff.

3. Required facial coverings for all students and school employees:

- Required on buses.
- Required within six feet of another person.
- Required anytime a student or employee is standing or moving.
- "Face mask breaks" will be scheduled by staff.
- Written medical excuses will be required for anyone to be excused from wearing a facial covering. Students who refuse to wear a facial covering and whom do not have a written medical excuse will be assigned to remote learning from home.

4. Enhanced cleaning, reduced "frequent touch" areas.

5. Restricted visitors.

6. Restricted field trips and recesses.

### **LEVEL 3 (RED)**

All of Level 2 plus:

1. Depending on input from the Warren County Health Department the Springboro Superintendent may place the school district on a hybrid model that will reduce the number of students in the school facilities, or may place all students on remote learning from home, or may maintain the in-school model for all students with increased emphasis on social distancing. The superintendent will make this decision after consultation with health department officials, education leaders, and other stakeholders.

2. Meetings will be remote except when not feasible, such as IEP meetings and other meetings with parents.
3. Springboro will continue to provide all required services for special education and other special learning circumstances of students as documented in the Temporary Services Agreement and/or prior written notice.
4. Springboro will strictly prohibit all visitors.
5. The Superintendent will determine which extracurricular activities may continue in consultation with the Warren County Department of Health, the Board of Education, leaders from other school districts, staff, and other stakeholders.

#### **LEVEL 4 (PURPLE)**

1. Schools will be closed to students; all instruction will be remote.
2. Springboro will have two types of remote learners: a. those who were remote from the first day of school, and b. those who are remote because schools are closed to students.
3. Students will have standards for attendance and completion of all assignments.
4. The Superintendent will consult with the Board of Education to determine whether staff are required to work in the district and which staff are permitted to work from home.
5. Springboro will provide all required services for special education and other special learning circumstances of students, and some of these services may be delivered remotely or with teletherapy, as defined in the Temporary Services Agreement and/or prior written notice.

#### **Warren County Health District's (WCHD) Protocol**

- WCHD will work directly with our District's nurses and leadership to conduct contact tracing to determine exposure and determine the need to isolate and quarantine.
- The definition of **Exposure** is: being within six feet of a person who tested **positive**, whether wearing a mask or not, for a duration of 15 minutes or more. An individual who is a contact of a contact of someone who has tested positive is **not** considered exposed.
- The definition of **Isolation** is: a person who tested positive; must be totally isolated for 10 days, can return to school/work on the 11th day if symptom free. Upon reentry the person who has been isolated shall complete a brief Q&A, exam with a school nurse.
- The definition of **Quarantine** is: a person who was exposed, has **not** tested positive; must stay in quarantine for 14 days to monitor symptoms. Upon reentry the person who has been quarantined shall complete a brief Q&A, exam with a school nurse.

- If a child or staff member tests positive ...That child or staff member goes into isolation. The ONLY people placed in quarantine are those identified as having been within six feet for at least 15 minutes or more. The whole class or cohort is **NOT** placed in quarantine.
- A cohort is a group of individuals participating in an activity such as athletics, band, school transportation, or school function.
- For COVID like symptoms, not considered exposure and not requested to quarantine, an individual should be fever free without fever-reducer medicine for 24 hours.

**WCHD has THREE official letters they will coordinate with our District's school nurses:**

1. Letter from Department of Health to those who were **Exposed and must be Quarantined**;
2. Letter from the District to students and staff in that class or cohort unit who were **NOT Exposed** and will **NOT be Quarantined**;
3. General notice of **awareness** to the entire school or cohort about a **positive test** in the **school or cohort**.