

VALLEY LOCAL



SCHOOL DISTRICT

2021-2022 Restart Plan



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Education is our Chief Concern

Mr. Scott Rolfe - Superintendent



The information within this document represents the work of a team of Lucasville community stakeholders, including the superintendent, building and district administrators, teachers, school nursing staff, parents, and a school board representative. This team met periodically throughout the summer to discuss the changes in the educational landscape due to COVID-19, and to plan our district's strategy to safely and successfully reopen in August of 2020.

Our goals for the upcoming school year are, most importantly, to ensure the safety, physical health, and well-being of our students and staff, while continuing to move forward with the academic education of our students. We recognize that no plan is perfect, and we know that we will be adapting our strategy as the situation evolves. We will continue to ask for feedback from our parents and community as the school year approaches, and we will respond and make decisions as needed, based on your input.

We recognize and take seriously the guidance and information provided to us by the governor's office and the Scioto County EMA, which as of this writing has increased our county's designation to a Level 3 Public Health Emergency. However, we also believe that there is no substitute for physical attendance at school, and that remote learning, even conducted at the highest level of effectiveness, is still a less desirable option. Additionally, guidance from the American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends that "all policy considerations for the coming school year should start with a goal of having students physically present in school."

The importance of in-person learning is well-documented, and there is already evidence of the negative impacts on children because of school closures in the spring of 2020. Lengthy time away from school and associated interruption of supportive services often results in social isolation, making it difficult for schools to identify and address important learning deficits as well as child and adolescent physical or sexual abuse, substance use, depression, and suicidal ideation. This, in turn, places children and adolescents at considerable risk of morbidity and, in some cases, mortality. Beyond the educational impact and social impact of school closures, there has been substantial impact on food security and physical activity for children and families (AAP 2020).



Color-Coded Restart Chart

The chart on the following page represents our leveled restart plan. The four levels are coded yellow (level 1), orange (level 2), red (level 3), and purple (level 4). The levels and corresponding colors are taken directly from the Ohio Public Health Advisory system. When our county (Scioto) is assigned a color-coded alert level, we will operate according to the corresponding colored level on our restart chart.

INDICATES A COUNTY ALERT LEVEL			
LEVEL 1 0–1 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 2 2–3 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 3 4–5 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 4 6–7 Indicators Triggered
Public Emergency Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Public Emergency Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

As Scioto County's designation increases or decreases as determined by the Ohio Department of Health, measures taken to help ensure the safety and well-being of the students and staff of Valley Local Schools will increase or decrease in the following manner:

- Increase in alert level designation = immediate increase in operating plan.
- Decrease in alert level designation = 5 school day waiting period before decreasing operating plan, out of an abundance of caution.

To prepare for operation under each alert level, we have divided our student population into groups. Depending on the alert level of our county, it will be necessary for us to limit the number of students physically in each building.

We do plan to delay the student's first day of school for two days. This will allow district personnel to have additional time to prepare and have increased levels of professional development. Students will begin on August 24, this would be the only change to the school calendar at this time.



Valley Local Operating Plan

Yellow level (level 1)	Orange level (level 2)	Red Level (level 3)	Purple Level (level 4)
1. All students attending. 2. Masks/ face shields required of all staff. Students wear masks in the hallways, on buses and when unable to maintain 3-6' distancing. 3. Temperature checks prior to entering the building. 4. Maintain minimum 3' social distancing. 5. Sanitation of desks/instructional materials after each class period. 6. Increased building sanitation by custodial staff in evenings. 7. Cafeteria populations will be limited. 8. Chromebooks housed at school except for grades 9-12.	1. 50% physical attendance/50% remote learning 2. Students will be on a grouped rotation, 50% of grade levels PK-12 in the building at a time. Others learn remotely via Google Classroom. 3. Students identified by the district will report according to the schedule listed on the next page, Group C. 4. Masks/ face shields required of all staff. Students wear masks in the hallways, on buses and when unable to maintain 4-6' distancing. 5. Temperature checks prior to entering the building. 6. Maintain minimum 4-6' social distancing. 7. Sanitation of desks/instructional materials after each class period. 8. Increased building sanitation by custodial staff in evenings. 9. Students (3-12) will be issued a district-owned Chromebook for school and home use.	1. 50% physical attendance 2. Students will be on a grouped rotation, 50% of grade levels 3-12 in the building at a time. Others learn remotely via google classroom. 3. PK-2 and students identified, Group C, by the district will report according to the schedule listed on the next page. 4. Masks/ face shields required of all staff. Students wear masks in the hallways, on buses and when unable to maintain 6' distancing. 5. Temperature checks prior to entering the building. 6. Maintain minimum 6' social distancing. 7. Students (3-12) will be issued a district-owned Chromebook for school and home use. 8. PK-2 and group C will have 50% physical attendance (refer to the following schedule)	1. All students learn remotely via Google Classroom. 2. Students (3-12) keep Chromebooks at home. 3. Students (PK-2) could arrange for borrowing a device if needed. 4. Paper packets will be provided if needed.

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Student Group Schedule

Student groups are labelled A, B, and C. Due to the difficulty of remote learning and being self-contained classrooms at the pre-kindergarten through 2nd grade level (PK-2), those students will continue to attend physically at 50% for level 2 (orange) and level 3 (red) along with Group C. Other student groups (A and B) will be on the 50% schedule for level 2 (orange) and 50% schedule for level 3 (red). On days when not physically present at school, students will be required to learn remotely via Google Classroom or complete assignments issued while in session. Group C is a district- selected group that will be required to attend more often as well.

Yellow Level (Level 1)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
All students	All students	All students	All students	All students

Orange Level (Level 2)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A+C	B+C	A+C	B+C	No Students
PK-2 A	PK-2 B	PK-2 A	PK-2 B	No Students

Red Level (Level 3)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
A + C	B + C	A + C	B + C	No Students
PK-2 A	PK-2 B	PK-2 A	PK-2 B	No Students

Purple Level (Level 4)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning	Remote Learning

As we approach the start of school, we will inform you of your child's group number and schedule. **A separate preschool plan will be created at a later date.**



Options for Valley Local Students for the 2020/21 School Year

1. Return to school in person using the above color-coded levels. Students will be placed in a group; A, B, C or PK-2. If the district's designation is orange (level 2), Google Classroom will be used for the groups on days not physically present at school to maintain the pace of the lessons. There will also be remote learning offered if the district's designation is red (level 3) or purple (level 4).

OR

2. Parents choosing to NOT send their child to school for in-person learning will be offered a separate online platform for their instruction. This platform will be provided by the school district for students choosing not to attend in person. Parents choosing this option will have the opportunity for their child to return to on-site learning at the end of each nine weeks. With this option, the student is still considered a Valley student and would be eligible for extracurricular activities.

The guidelines listed below, along with the above information, are in place to protect students and staff as we return to in-school learning. Our top priority is the health and safety of our students, staff and community, and we believe this plan is the best course of action and reflects the best practices and recommendations provided by the Ohio Department of Health, Scioto County Department of Health, and the Ohio Department of Education for reopening schools.

During these times, we recognize that any travel or contact with anyone outside of the home is a risk. With that in mind, we will continue to make all necessary adjustments to create the safest environment possible for our students and staff. We cannot guarantee that our district will not experience positive tests in the future, as this guarantee cannot be made when entering any public building. In the event of a positive test, or other health-related issue, we will observe the following steps:



Students/Staff Health Issues

- If there is a confirmed case, communication will be made with families, as appropriate and in accordance with all HIPAA regulations, by the school nurse in collaboration with the local health department when/if there is a confirmed case of COVID-19.
- The county health department will contact the district if a positive case is recorded affecting our population.
- The district will cooperate with the local health department for social contact tracing.
- Students/staff with positive tests **MUST** be isolated. Isolation is for positive cases and is 10 days.
 - Any individuals who have been within six feet of a person with a positive test for longer than 15 minutes must be quarantined for 14 days even if one or both were wearing masks at the time of the interaction.
 - Negative tests do NOT remove a student from quarantine.
- All students and staff must be fever-free for 3 days (regardless of the reason for the fever) before returning to school.
- Anyone with a fever should be tested if the fever does not dissipate within 3 days.
- Any student sent to the office with an illness **must be transported home by the parent/guardian.**
- Each school will have a quarantine area for students who are suspected of having symptoms related to COVID-19 until the parent/guardian can pick up the child to take home.

Valley Local Guidelines for Illnesses Not Related to COVID-19

- A student should remain home and fever-free, without the use of a fever reducer, for **24 hours.**
- Students should be vomit and diarrhea-free for 24 hours before returning to school.
- While it is always important for the safety of our students that parents do not send sick or ill kids to school, it is especially important during this pandemic to follow the above guidelines.



Valley Local Schools Reopen/Restart Plan

	• The 1st day for students will be August 24, this will allow for two extra days for Professional Development and preparation for district personnel.. • We are preparing to flexibly move between on-site and remote learning as necessary.
	• Valley has a Chromebook for every student in grades 3-12 • If your grade level takes the device home, remember to charge your device daily. Please do not transport the chromebook chargers.. • Expanded wi-fi zones have been installed in all three building parking lots.
	• Desks, instructional materials will be sanitized between classes. • Social distancing will be practiced in classrooms and hallways. • Teachers and staff will wear masks and/or face shields when teaching in close proximity to students.
	• Transition times between classes will be staggered in order to reduce hallway traffic and allow for social distancing. • Student locker visits will be limited to four per day.
	• Lunches will be staggered and lunch schedules will be changed to allow for a reduced number of students in the cafeteria. • The lunch room will be sanitized thoroughly between lunches and in the evenings. • Students will be provided time to wash hands before and after lunch.
	• Mobile sanitizer stations will be placed at the entrances of each building for staff and visitors to utilize. • Each classroom will have sanitizing units for staff and student use. • Frequent hand washing opportunities will be provided throughout the school day for students.
	• Buses will be disinfected after the AM and PM routes. • Students are required to wear masks while on the bus. • If we are operating under the yellow level, two students per seat will be used if needed. Orange and red levels will be only one student per seat. • Buses will load back to front and dismiss front to back to eliminate the possibility of exposure traveling through the aisles.
	• An online program will be offered for families who choose not to send their children to school. • If you choose online learning for your child in the fall, you may choose to return to attending school in-person at the end of the nine weeks. The district would need to be notified by September 25th if the student will return to school.
	• Visitors during the school day will be limited to emergency visits only. • Visitors will be asked to remain in the office area during the school day. Upon entering the building, there will be a health check for all visitors. • Parents will be asked to remain in cars during pick up and drop off times at the MS and HS. Parents should remain in the car for drop off at the ES. Our



	pick up procedure will be established and published at a later time for the ES.
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Valley Local Schools At-Home COVID-19 Screening for Students and Staff

Please stay at home if you have the following symptoms:

- Fever or 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

Sporting Events and Extra-curricular Activities

All Sporting events and extracurricular activities will follow the guidelines and regulations presented by the Governor of Ohio, Ohio Department of Health, CDC, and the Scioto County Health Department.

This plan has been approved by the Scioto County Health Commissioner, Dr. Michael Martin.
Approval date: August 3, 2020.