

SPRINGFIELD LOCAL SCHOOLS
RESTART Plan
2020-2021

- I. K-12 School Guidance from Governor - Create a school environment where as many safety protocols as reasonable are implemented to provide a safe learning environment for students and to limit the spread of COVID-19.

A. Vigilantly Assess for Symptoms

1. This starts at home with parents/caregivers daily assessing students before sending students to school. Taking temperature daily. Any temperature over 100 stay home. Other new symptoms such as fever, chills, cough, fatigue, etc... should result in calling the doctor and staying home. A student who exhibits any of these symptoms will be isolated and required to be picked up to go home. These guidelines apply to employees as well.
2. Parents/caregivers will need to be proactive in keeping contact information current.
3. Parents/caregivers will need to ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.
4. PSI is in the process of finalizing identification protocol that can be used to assist parents at home and at school for Medical Assistants and District Nurse to make decisions whether or not to send a student home. There will also be more stringent return to school guidelines.
 - a) PSI has a direct partnership with University Hospitals.
 - b) There will also be a presentation made to employees before the start of school to educate employees on self-assessment as well as assessing students at school before referring them to the medical clinic.
 - c) An isolation area(s) will be designated in each building near the medical clinic for those students and/or staff that are exhibiting signs of COVID-19 and are awaiting a ride home.

B. Wash and Sanitize Hands to Prevent Spread

1. Washing hands and using sanitizer will be part of daily routine. Developing protocols that students and staff will wash and sanitize hands when hands are dirty, before and after eating, after using the restroom, and after using any common area (i.e. recess).
2. Signage will be provided to serve as a constant reminder of the importance of washing and sanitizing hands.
3. The district is working to provide sanitizer on busses, building entrances and exits, hallways, and classrooms.
4. Remind students and adults to cough and sneeze with sleeves or elbows.
5. Reminder to keep personal items cleaned on a regular basis as well. For example backpacks and notebooks.

C. Thoroughly Clean and Sanitize School Environment to Limit Spread on Shared Surfaces

1. Custodians will disinfect classrooms daily.
2. High touch/traffic areas will be disinfected regularly throughout the day.
3. Students in grades 4-12 will clean desks and seats at the conclusion of each class change.
4. Drinking fountains will be closed. Students will need to bring a water bottle to school with them. The district will need to convert some drinking fountains to bottle filling stations so students can refill their water bottles. The remaining drinking fountains will be disabled.

D. Practice Social Distancing

1. The Academy of American Pediatrics recommends a minimum of 3 feet of physical distancing when setting up classrooms. Classroom set-ups will be non-traditional and will need to include utilizing as much floor space as possible to distance students.
 - a) Summit Health Department recommended **not** using plexi-glass dividers in classrooms.
 - b) Teachers were informed on July 9 that they will need to remove personal furniture and any non-essential items from the classroom. The purpose is two-fold: Promote social distance and reduce surface areas that need to be cleaned.
2. Utilize signage to promote social distancing.
3. Develop new routines for transportation, arrival and dismissal, classroom changes and lunches that attempt to social distance.
 - a) Transportation
 - (1) Current guidance is 2 students to a seat (family members sit together).
 - (2) Load from the back of the bus to the front of the bus. Sit in assigned seats.
 - (3) Unload from the front to the back.
 - (4) Keep windows open or partially open regardless of weather conditions.
 - (5) Disinfect busses on a regular basis. High-touch surface cleaning between routes. Disinfect the entire bus at the end of each run.
 - b) Arrival and dismissal from school
 - (1) Each building is working to develop routines that limit the gathering of large groups of students in small areas.
 - (2) Areas that need to be addressed are breakfast, when classrooms open, and when car riders can be admitted into the building.
 - c) Classroom changes
 - (1) K-3 - Students are in self-contained cohorts throughout the day.
 - (2) 4-6 - Students are in self-contained cohorts. Variable is band where students interact with students from other cohorts.
 - (3) 7-12 - Teachers are spread out between 7-12 which make it difficult to form cohorts. Keep class sizes as balanced as possible.

d) Lunches

- (1) Lunch period lengths may likely need to be expanded to promote social distancing and allow for disinfecting of tables and chairs.
 - (2) Sit in assigned groups. Already happens K-6. 7-12 eats with their 5th period class.
 - (3) Encourage parents to use the online pre-payment option and ensure an adequate balance.
 - (4) Follow physical distancing guidelines as much as possible when in line and in the serving area.
 - (5) Less lunch choices for students to allow meals to be served more quickly.
 - (6) Table tops and chairs will need to be disinfected between lunches.
4. Limit visitors to the building as much as possible. That means that except for rare exceptions parents/caregivers will not be permitted to enter the building.

E. Implement Face Coverings Policy

1. Currently Summit County is in level 3 which requires that a mask be worn at all times.
2. Wearing of a mask is one safety protocol that limits the spread of COVID-19.
3. Masks will be required for all staff and students.
4. Some will have health concerns that prevent the wearing of a mask. That will have to be verified by a doctor. Form will be coming from Summit County Health Department or developed by PSI.

II. If schools are partially or completely closed due to Summit County or State of Ohio Order, or at the discretion of the Springfield Local School District, students will move to a REMOTE LEARNING PLAN.

- A. District will work as part of the enrollment process to know which families will need assistance with devices and internet access. Goal is for each student in the district to have a device to be able to access their courses.
- B. Will be housed on Google Classroom again.
- C. Remote learning will have different expectations than the Spring quarter did. Clearer expectations on attendance, participation, and completion of work.

III. An online only learning plan - SPRINGFIELD ONLINE ACADEMY - will be available for students and parents who have concerns about returning to the building.

- A. Parameters of this program are being developed.
- B. Each student will have access to a device. Parents electing to choose this learning plan will need to secure reliable high-speed internet.
- C. Will be developed and taught by Springfield Teachers.
- D. Will involve live class sessions with teachers.
- E. The expectations and routines of this learning plan will remain in place if the rest of the district moves to remote learning or a hybrid model.
- F. Teacher assignments will be determined by enrollment numbers and certification areas. The number of teachers needed at each level for the online only learning plan will not be known until the enrollment process takes place.