

ALEXANDER LOCAL SCHOOLS GUIDE 21-22 SCHOOL YEAR

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WILL BE UPDATED WHEN THE STATE RELEASES NEW INFORMATION.

ALEXANDER LOCAL SCHOOLS

ALEXANDER STAFF, STUDENT, COMMUNITY, & BUILDINGS GUIDE

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ALS MISSION & PURPOSE

- Alexander Local Schools will achieve excellence in education for **ALL** learners.

- The purpose of ALS is to...
 - ☑ educate ALL students using differentiated instruction
 - ☑ develop the whole child
 - ☑ provide a caring, safe, & respectful environment
 - ☑ develop successful members of society.
- *To develop physical, emotional, social, cognitive and communication skills of the child/student.

General Operating Principles

- Alexander Local School District will implement safety protocols for the district, as recommended by the CDC, Athens County Health Department and Ohio Department of Health.
- **Mask wearing will be recommended and will follow policy adopted by the board June 2021.**
- **Recommend masking at this time per CDC guidance.**
- Alexander Local School District will work closely with the Athens City-County Health Department through the 2021-22 school year.
- Alexander Local School District will keep community informed throughout the year by All Call systems and our Alexander Local School District website. Calls will go out normally after 3 pm unless there is an emergency.
- Alexander Local School District will return in person to a 5 day school week.
- Alexander Local School District will strive to educate all students through in person classroom learning.

Guided Principles

- The approved school calendar may be adjusted to meet the needs of the district, the **goal** of Alexander Local Schools to fully open buildings on a 5 day/week schedule for the 2021-2022 school year as written by ORC.
- The district places a high priority on protecting the health and safety of our students and staff. We will recommend the most current guidance of the CDC, ODH and ODE along with Athens City County Health Dept.
- The plan does not contain all possible scenarios and protocols. If you have a question regarding a specific situation, please contact the building principal starting August 3rd or Superintendent Lindy L. Douglas.



ENSURING HEALTH, WELL- BEING, & SAFETY OF STUDENTS & STAFF

Educational Programs and Settings are inherently designed for social interaction not social distancing. However, during this pandemic, it is important that we provide for the well-being of our students and staff as it relates to their physical and emotional well-being.

All plans are subject to change based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic, and recommendations from health experts.

The following will be essential to creating a healthy learning environment:

- Wash and sanitize hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize the school environment to limit the spread on shared surfaces.
- Stock all cleaning and sanitizing materials as needed.
- Self monitor wellness.
- Recommended mask wearing, be respectful of personal choice.
- Continue to follow the most recent guidance of CDC and ODH.

Ensuring Health, Well-Being, & Safety of Students & Staff

Safety Protocols: General Safety Strategies for Good Hygiene

| Families | Students | Staff |
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| <p>If you feel sick, please stay home. Do not return to school/work until you meet CDC criteria or are cleared by a medical provider.</p> | | |
| <p>Daily self-monitor your health for any symptoms.</p> | | |
| <p>Avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth.</p> | | |
| <p>Cover cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue and dispose of the tissue.</p> | | |
| <p>Utilize facial coverings as required by the CDC and ODH.</p> | | |
| | <p>Students and staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home or to a health care provider immediately.</p> | |
| | <p>Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol content if soap and water are not available. (HAND SANITIZING STATIONS IN CLASSROOMS.)</p> | |
| | <p>Clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces as much as possible. (This would mainly be staff, but students may assist.)</p> | |

Ensuring Health, Well-Being, & Safety of Students & Staff

Safety Protocols: Cleaning Procedures During the School Day

Prior to the Start of the School Day

- All commonly touched items will be disinfected with cleaners approved to kill the COVID-19.
- All hand sanitizer and soap dispensers refilled for daily use.
- Mask wearing is required by federal law **on school busses**. Please abide by this rule.

During the School Day

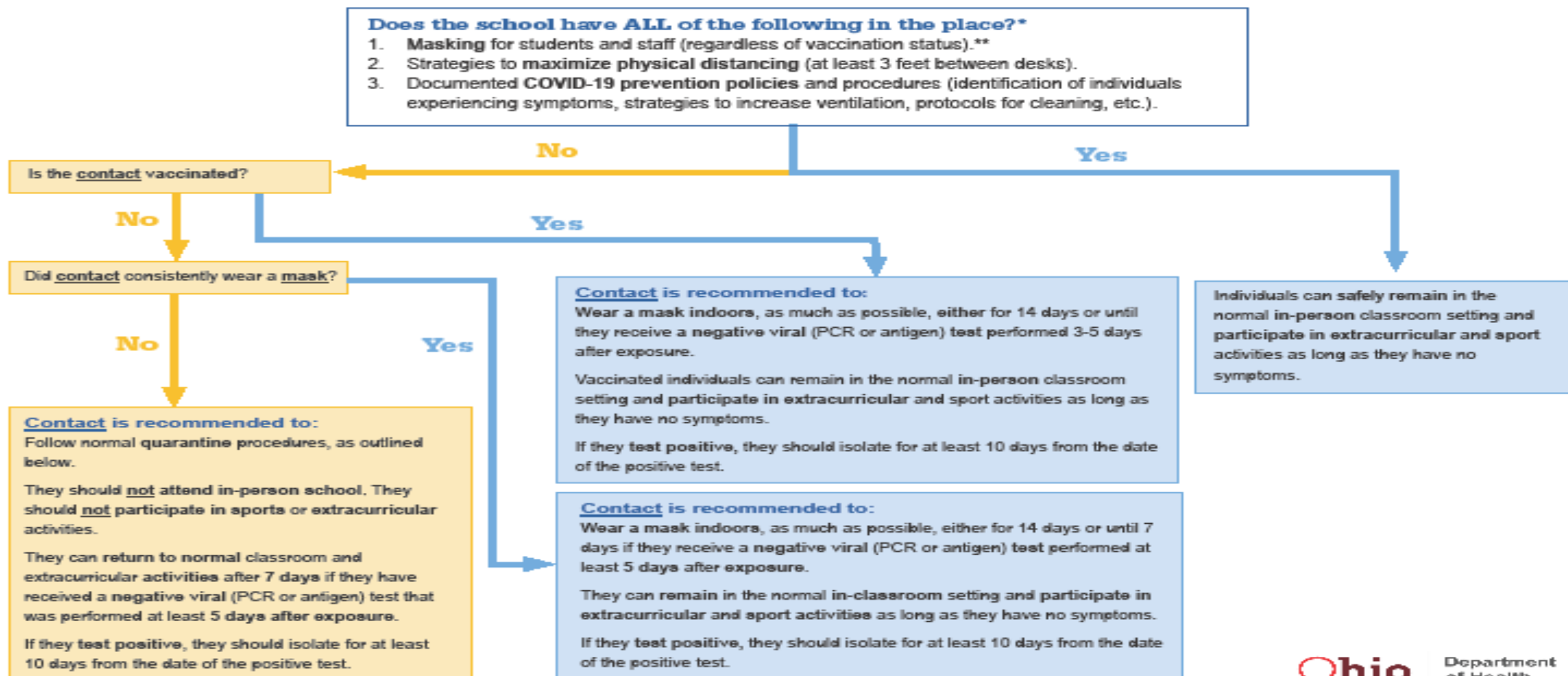
- Hand sanitizing stations and soap dispensers will be refilled as needed.
- Continuous cleaning throughout the day.
- Water bottles for student use permitted.
- Daytime janitorial staffing.
- **Mask wearing is recommended per board policy, this will be an individual/parents choice.**

At the End of School Day

- Deep cleaning of all schools will be completed on a daily basis.
- Areas used for extracurricular activities will also be cleaned after usage.
- Please mask up for the bus ride home before leaving the building.

Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.

Ensuring Health, Well-Being, & Safety of Students & Staff

Shaping the School Day: General Operations

Sanitizing/disinfecting supplies and other safety measures:

1. Hand sanitizer in each classroom, common areas, and main entrances
2. Antibacterial wipes or its equivalent available throughout the building
3. Temporal thermometers will be available at each building
4. Ventilation systems have been upgraded, ionization systems in place.
5. PPE will be available to all staff and students.

Safety Protocols: Vulnerable Students & Staff

Our vulnerable students & staff will be addressed on a case-by-case basis. Please contact the building administrator, superintendent, or school nurse if you have concerns.

Hopewell, Anew, Holzer, and HRS will be onsite for referrals.



Ensuring Health, Well-Being, & Safety of Students & Staff

Shaping the School Day: General Operations

- ✓ District Administration will maintain open communication with the Athens- City County Health Department and state agencies.
- ✓ Daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols for high touch areas and surfaces.
- ✓ · Cleaning protocols will continue to be stressed at all levels and functions in the district.
- ✓ Hand sanitizing stations and/or supplies will be available in all classrooms & high traffic areas.
- ✓ Additional staff will be placed in buildings each day.
- ✓ We will follow OHSAA guidance for all athletic events.
- ✓ We will follow the CDC and ODH guidance for events.
- ✓ If any symptoms are present with a student, the school clinic will be notified and the clinic will take appropriate action.
- ✓ Transportation is available if needed to assist with covid symptomatic students.
- ✓ Water Bottles are permitted during the day for staff and students.

**STUDENT & STAFF ABSENCES WILL BE MONITORED CLOSELY
AS THIS COULD BE A WARNING SIGN OF A LARGER HEALTH ISSUE**

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Clinic Procedures

The District Nurse is trained in COVID-19 safety protocols and health aides are trained as well. The clinic staff will be supplied all equipment as deemed necessary.

School Clinic/Office: Medications will be encouraged to take at home if possible, to limit the exposure of students to illnesses. Students may also be seen for student injuries *that cannot be handled in the classroom*.

- Minor issues as well as minor first aid will be expected to be handled in the classroom, to limit trips to the office/clinic area.
- Every student that needs to be seen in the clinic, will need to have the teacher contact the clinic and schedule a time to be seen.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Guidelines for Responding to a Confirmed Case are Established in Conjunction with State & Local Health Officials

It is critical to preserve confidentiality of the student or staff member to the extent possible considering health and safety issues.

Clinic Procedures

Isolation Area: Whitney Warren – 7 to 10 day quarantine rules.

Any student displaying COVID-19 symptoms (fever, cough, sore throat, etc.) will be moved to a supervised area where they are isolated from other students. Parents/guardians will be contacted and should promptly pick up their student (within 30 minutes).

Staff who have symptoms, are encouraged to separate from others immediately and go home as soon as possible. If unable to drive, the staff person will need to go to the isolation room and await being picked up.

If a student does take medication, these will likely have strict “appointment times” to prevent crowding, especially at common administration times such as lunch. Social distancing measures will be followed when walking to the clinic or waiting to be seen.

PARENTS & STUDENTS:

- If you are showing any signs or symptoms of COVID or the flu, please stay home until you are symptom free for 24 hours.
 - Please complete wellness check before coming to school or a school-related event. If you have a temperature above 100 degrees, you should refrain from coming to school until you are symptom free for 24 hours.
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- Please continue to practice good hygiene (wash hands, cover your mouth if you sneeze or cough, refrain from touching your nose and mouth).
 - Please be respectful and supportive of those individuals concerning mask wearing in our buildings and on campus.

Stakeholder Groups

ALS District Leadership Team

- **District Personnel** Lindy L. Douglas, Lee Raines, Melissa Guffey, Bryan Ford, Rich Maskiel
- **Board of Education** Fred Davis, Jay Barnes, Josh Collins, Blake Reagan, Lucy Juedes
- **Middle & High School** Bryan Ford, Lee Raines, Kerry Hanning, Meredith Rock,
- **Elementary School** Melissa Guffey, Rich Maskiel, Ben Shultz

ALS Departments

- **District Personnel** Lindy L. Douglas, Superintendent Aaron Schirm - Treasure
- **Bussing** Dan Phillips
- **Maintenance** Bryan McCullum
- **Clinic** Whitney Warren & Laura Bean
- **Athletics** Dan Doseck
- **Food Services** Dan Moyer

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES:

- ✓ <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- ✓ [Alexander Schools: www.alexanderschools.org](http://www.alexanderschools.org)
- ✓ [Athens City - County Health Department](#)
- ✓ Center for Disease Control
- ✓ <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>
- ✓ Ohio K-12 School Guidance
- ✓ ODE Reset Restart Guidelines
- ✓ Ohio Department of Health