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Fremont City Schools Reopening Recommendations

This plan has been designed collaboratively with stakeholders to best meet the needs of students and staff to reset and restart the school year. The district strongly reminds staff, students, and families that these plans are written for this moment and will be continually updated based on new information from the health department and governor. Even though there are inherent risks involved, the plan contains safeguards to be in place to minimize the exposure to transmittable germs. According to the CDC there is no proven method to prevent transmission in all circumstances. The district is utilizing the Sandusky County Reopening Recommendations and following the guidance of the Ohio Department of Education, Ohio Department of Health, World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and Governor DeWine. Fremont City Schools will be offering 2 options for the 2020-21 school year.

Option 1: Remote Learning Plan

Fremont City Schools will be offering an at home learning option beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Students will be expected to communicate with their teachers and engage in virtual learning activities throughout the day. The at home learning requirements will be different and more rigorous from Spring 2020. All students will work with a Fremont City School teacher and follow Ohio Learning Standards. Students in grades K-5 will follow Fremont City Schools' curriculum. Students in grades 6-12 will be enrolled in a comprehensive learning program. Student instructional needs will be determined and documented using different online platforms. Students K-5 will utilize iReady software and students 6-12 will utilize SchoolsPLP. Our own teachers will monitor student progress and participation. Elementary students will be fully the responsibility of our teachers and middle and high school students will be assigned a different teacher per content area. All credit will be given by Fremont City Schools.

Devices are being made available for families that do not have them. We are applying for assistance with the recent state grant that will assist us in supplying hot spots for neighborhoods that do not have internet access.

Our teachers participated in PD to assist them in delivering online content and the management of at home learning.

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Families wishing to make a commitment to online learning through the district will do so for one semester at a time. The student may return from online learning to school at the semester break. If you are interested in registering, complete the form located on the district website to register for the At Home Learning Program or click the link below.

[At Home Learning Registration](#)

Option 2: At School Learning

The color code for the county will determine our plan for the quarter. For example, if the county color is Orange at the beginning of any quarter then we will remain at the Orange Level for the entire quarter unless it goes up to Red. If the color changes to a more severe level we will adjust our level accordingly. We will not go down any levels until the end of each quarter.

LEVEL 1

Health Checks and Temperature Taken

- All individuals are expected to perform a health assessment and take their temperature daily prior to coming to school.
- Temperatures 100.4 degrees or greater mandate that the individual stay home.
- If a student or staff member is staying home, call the attendance office/supervisor to report the absence.

Wearing of Face Coverings

- Face coverings are required for all students in grades Preschool-12. Attempts will be made to provide students a break from their face coverings throughout the day. Those with a medical condition or a disability, must obtain the appropriate documentation from their medical provider and this documentation must be on file with the school.
- Face coverings are mandated for staff. Those with a medical condition or a disability, must obtain the appropriate documentation from their medical provider and this documentation must be on file with the school.

Transportation

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- Students will be transported to school
- 2 individuals per seat, when possible
- Staff will wear face coverings
- Face coverings are strongly encouraged for passengers
- Seats will be assigned

Health and Safety Practices

- Classrooms will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Social distancing will be encouraged for all individuals in all settings.
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available for use.
- Cafeterias will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Individual condiments will be provided
- Students will be taught correct health practices of handwashing, use of face coverings, and coughing/sneezing etiquette
- No shared school supplies

Recess

- Recess will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- All individuals will wash/sanitize their hands after recess

Instruction

- Classrooms will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Quality instruction will be provided by all instructors
- Online learning will be offered for parents who do not wish to send their child to school
- Changes to online/seated instruction choice will be available at the beginning/end of the semester
- Attendance will be mandatory and will be monitored for all instruction options; excessive absences may be subject to truancy regulations

Cleaning

- Interior of busses will be cleaned and sanitized at mid day and end of day
- Cafeterias will be sanitized between lunch periods
- Recess equipment will be cleaned regularly
- Common areas will be cleaned and sanitized daily

General Restrictions

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- Visitors/volunteers will be restricted
- Field trips will not be scheduled at this time
- Large group gatherings will be restricted
- Facility Rentals will be restricted

LEVEL 2

Health Checks and Temperature Taken

- All individuals are expected to perform a health assessment and take their temperature daily prior to coming to school.
- Temperatures 100.4 degrees or greater mandate that the individual stay home.
- If a student or staff member is staying home, call the attendance office/supervisor to report the absence.
- **Daily temperatures may be taken by school personnel.**

Wearing of Face Coverings

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- Face coverings are mandated for staff. Those with a medical condition or a disability, must obtain the appropriate documentation from their medical provider and this documentation must be on file with the school.

Transportation

- Students will be transported to school
- 2 individuals per seat, when possible
- **Staff and passengers will wear face coverings**
- Seats will be assigned
- When possible the seat behind will remain unfilled

Health and Safety Practices

- Classrooms will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Social distancing will be mandated for all individuals in all settings.
- **One way hallways will be utilized when possible**
- Regular hand washing will be encouraged and hand sanitizer will be available for use.

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- Cafeterias will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Cafeteria space may be expanded to other areas
- Individual condiments will be provided
- Students will be taught correct health practices of handwashing, use of face coverings, and coughing/sneezing etiquette
- No shared school supplies

Recess

- Recess will operate at full capacity utilizing the maximum amount of space available
- Encourage activities that allow for social distancing; walking, shadow tag
- All individuals will wash/sanitize their hands after recess

Instruction

- Quality instruction will be provided by all instructors
- Online learning will be offered for parents who do not wish to send their child to school
- Changes to online/seated instruction choice will be available at the beginning/end of the semester
- Attendance will be mandatory and will be monitored for all instruction options; excessive absences may be subject to truancy regulations
- Hybrid instruction will be implemented.
- Students will be divided into two learning groups by last name.
- Students with last name beginning with A-K will come to school on Monday and Tuesday.
- Students with last name beginning with L-Z will come to school on Thursday and Friday.
- Wednesday will allow buildings to be cleaned thoroughly and teachers to plan and virtually meet with students as needed.
- Students will be expected to complete assignments from teachers when not physically in the school building.
- Teachers may travel to students for instruction when possible

Cleaning

- Interior of busses will be cleaned and sanitized at mid day and end of day
- Cafeterias will be sanitized between lunch periods
- Recess equipment will be cleaned regularly
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LEVEL 3

If the Governor issues a Level 3 Alert Level for Sandusky County, it is determined that there is a severe public emergency for exposure and spread of COVID. Fremont City Schools will follow all health orders and assist families with leaving home only for the necessities.

LEVEL 4

If the Governor issues a Level 4 Alert Level for Sandusky County, it is determined that there is a severe public emergency for exposure and spread of COVID. Fremont City Schools will follow all health orders and assist families with leaving home only for the necessities.

IDENTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATION

If student becomes ill while at school

- Student will be seen by an onsite nursing professional and a health assessment will be completed.
- If determined that COVID-19 symptoms are present, students will be moved to a dedicated location and will be supervised by staff in a safe and secure manner.
- Student will be referred to primary care physicians and the Health Department will be contacted.
- Parent/guardian will be contacted for pick up.
- Dedicated location will be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly.

Students' return to school without COVID-19 diagnosis

- A student with a fever must be fever free without medication for 24 hours (one day) prior to returning to school.
- Upon returning to school, the student must be transported by the parent to school and report to the school nursing professional for a temperature check and health assessment.

Students' return to school with COVID-19 diagnosis

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- 10 day quarantine will be required of any student who tests positive with COVID-19 and anyone who is determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Health Department.
- If any member of a household is diagnosed with COVID-19, the students from the household must remain home for 10 days.
- Upon returning to school, the student must be transported by the parent to school and report to the school nursing professional for a temperature check and health assessment.

If staff become ill while at school

- Staff will be seen by an onsite nursing professional and a health assessment will be completed.
- If determined that COVID-19 symptoms are present, arrangements will be made for staff to leave the building immediately.
- The staff member must leave lesson plans or specific job duties, when possible.
- Classroom/work site will be cleaned and sanitized thoroughly.

Staff's return to school without COVID-19 diagnosis

- A staff member with a fever must be fever free without medication for 24 hours (one day) prior to returning to school.
- Upon returning to school, the staff must report to the school nursing professional for a temperature check and health assessment.
- The staff member must have a doctor's note to return to work if they have been out three days or more.

Staff's return to school with COVID-19 diagnosis

- A staff member diagnosed with COVID-19 must communicate with their supervisor.
- A diagnosed staff member must remain home for 10 days and follow agreed upon procedure.
- The staff member must have a doctor's note to return to work.

Communication when student/staff has been diagnosed with COVID-19

- Communication will be developed by the Sandusky County Health Department, not FCS.
- Fremont City Schools will cooperate with the Sandusky County Health Department in contact tracing to identify close contacts of COVID -19 case.
- Quarantine period may be required for any student/staff member who is determined to have close contact with the COVID-19 as determined by the Health Department.

Additional Information:

[Reset and Restart Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](#)

[Ohio Department of Health COVID 19 Dashboard](#)

[Sandusky County Health Department](#)

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