



# Brookville Schools Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan

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## Safe Return to In-Person Instruction & Continuity of Services Plan (as required by the ARP ESSER III Grant)

Brookville Local Schools will review this plan in 6 months (December, 2021) and make any necessary changes at that time.

The Brookville Local School District is committed to educating all students. The Board of Education, administration, staff, and community believes that the best place for children to learn is in-person while in a safe and conducive environment. With this belief in mind and in collaboration with the Montgomery County Health Department and district stakeholders, the district will remain open full-time moving forward and for the duration of the 2021-2022 school year. This enables students and families to return to a normal mental and emotionally healthy routine. In addition, all students, including those with special needs, will receive services in accordance with local, state, and federal laws.

The district fully complied with state and local health orders until the Ohio health orders ended on June 2, 2021. School officials will continue to communicate with the Montgomery County Health Department to implement safety protocols.

### 1. **Facial Coverings:**

The wearing of facial coverings (masks) for students, staff, and the public is voluntary. If state or local health orders change during a time of elevated communicable disease community spread, the superintendent may require the correct use of facial coverings in accordance with county/state/national health orders.

### 2. **Physical distancing:**

Students will be seated and functioning in the classroom in a similar fashion as they were prior to the pandemic. Where it makes sense, teachers may space students 3-feet apart, but there are no expectations to limit instructional opportunities in order to social distance. Students will be in pairs, small groups, assemblies, etc. just as they were prior to the pandemic.

### 3. **Handwashing:**

In accordance with CDC guidelines, staff, students, and visitors are encouraged to frequently wash hands for 20 seconds with soap and water or use a hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Hand sanitizer is provided in classrooms, offices, school buses and common areas and handwashing signs are placed throughout the facilities.

**4. *Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities, including improving ventilation:***

- a. The district utilizes disinfectant throughout the facilities. Common areas such as the lunch rooms, are also regularly disinfected.
- b. Staff and student training is provided to ensure adherence to the safety protocols. Signage and public announcements are used to inform the community of the expectations.
- c. When practical, buses will open vents or open windows to increase outside air flow.
- d. The district HVAC units help with the flow of air and UV sanitation.
- e. The district will keep all typical cleaning protocols in place.

**5. *Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine, in collaboration with the state and local health departments:***

The district will follow all laws and cooperate with the Montgomery County Public Health Department if contact tracing and quarantine is required.

**6. *Diagnostic screening and testing:***

Anyone in the school community who has been in close contact with a person showing symptoms of COVID-19 or who is exhibiting common symptoms associated with COVID-19 is encouraged to communicate a course of action with the school nurse regarding potential diagnostic screening and testing.

**7. *Efforts to provide vaccinations to educators, other staff and students, if eligible:***

The district will provide information to parents about vaccination opportunities with local providers and clinics. A vaccination clinic has already been held for staff and students who were 12-18 years of age.

**8. *Appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies:***

Students with disabilities will be included under the same guidelines as their typical peers. Students with other health issues or compromised immune systems will provide documentation from their pediatrician or family doctor to the school stating the specific medical requirements/accommodations to implement.

**9. *Food Service:***

The Ohio Department of Education has granted Brookville Local Schools a waiver that allows all students (regardless of their free and reduced meal application status) a free school lunch.

**10. *The Brookville Schools Continuity of Service Plan can be found [here](#).***