



CLSD Restart Plans Q & A

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General Questions

Q. Will school be starting in time?

A. Yes.

- August 18 - K, 5, 9 Only – First Day (transition day)
- August 19 All Students – First Day

A. Will masks be required for in-school learning?

- Students and staff will need to wear face-covering following our protocols.
- Students K-12: Face coverings are required on the bus, in the hall, and in classrooms. When students are appropriately spaced in a classroom, the teacher may allow face coverings breaks.
- Staff: Face coverings are required in the hall and in classrooms with students. When students are appropriately spaced, the teacher may remove the face covering while wearing a face shield.
- Parents/Guardians: Families shall provide face coverings as the schools will have a limited supply. Medical exemptions from physicians must be submitted by the start of school. Students should plan to have two face coverings (and face shield as desired) as part of their back-to-school supplies.
- I Don't Want My Child Wearing a Face Covering. We know that there are strong opinions about the use of face coverings. The State of Ohio strongly recommends face coverings for the increased safety of both students and the adults in the school. This is especially important since some carriers of COVID-19 may not have any symptoms. Children, despite being generally less affected by COVID-19, expose school staff and adults at home who may be more at risk. Students who cannot or will not wear a mask during the required times at school will need to utilize online learning at home.

Q. How will children be able to handle the heat at Walker with masks on?

A. We know that without AC Walker can become very warm in the afternoon. We have purchased individual AC units for classrooms using funds from the CARES Act. These units will help lower the temperature in classrooms making it more comfortable for students and staff.

Q. Will “dress code” be enforced for face coverings (some students may have words or letters on their masks).

A. Yes, writing and images on face coverings must follow building dress code policies.

Q. What will the “in classroom face covering breaks” look like?

A. We will have specific breaks in classroom per school direction (considering age, type of class, etc.)



Q. How is busing going to work if children must go back to school?

A. Bus routes will be determined once the district has collected the data on the number of students who are attending school in person. We are requiring that students wear face coverings on the bus, and we will have a limit of two students per seat.

Q. Is the playground equipment going to be sanitized?

A. Playground equipment will not be used.

Q. Can elementary students wear face shields instead of masks?

A. New legislation from the Ohio Health Department does not permit face shields as a replacement for face coverings.

Q. Will we have school buildings specific plans for reopening before the deadline for the online registration?

A. Yes. The deadline to enroll in the virtual academy has been extended until Friday, August 7, 2020.

Q. Will outdoor instruction be utilized at the elementary?

A. Outdoor instruction will be addressed in building communication to parents.

Q. Will parents entering the building be required to wear a face mask?

A. Yes. No one will be permitted in school buildings or on school buses without a face covering.

Q. I see that they will not be using the playground equipment. What will recess look like for the kids at Walker?

A. Recess will be addressed in building communication to parents.

Q. What is the punishment for not wearing masks?

A. The Board of Education will be adopting a COVID face coverings policy at its August 10th BOE meeting.

Q. Will supply lists remain the same? Will there be "community supplies" for all children to use?

A. Schools will be sending updated supply lists to parents. Staff will determine the safest way to use classroom supplies.

Health Questions

Q. With HIPAA, will we be notified if a student or staff member tests positive?

A. Names of students or staff members will NOT be shared. The Stark County Health will notify the school, handle the contact tracing and notification.

Q. How do you determine common cold from CV19, if a child gets sick at school who makes this determination?

A. Our school nurse will work with the local health department.

Q. What happens if my child has allergies and a cough, will they be permitted to stay in school?



A. Parents will work with the school nurse regarding chronic/seasonal health issues.

Q. Will Walker have a full-time nurse?

A. Yes.

Q. What happens if a teacher gets COVID? Does the whole classroom need to quarantine?

A. We will work with the Stark County Health department in all positive COVID situations.

Q. Will the "sick days" policies change as to how many days can be missed? (Not that they have COVID, but a common cold or all illnesses.)

A. The number of hours a student can miss is determined by the Ohio Department of Education.

[Canton Local Virtual Academy specific FAQ's are available online at cantonlocal.org](https://www.cantonlocal.org/virtual-academy/faq)

Still Have Questions?

If you have a question or comment about the school reopening plans, please share it with us at <https://tinyurl.com/20-21SchoolQuestions>. We will answer questions submitted and add to the Frequently Asked Questions document.