



Ridgedale Local School District

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Ridgedale Community:

As we enter the 2nd semester of the school year the Jr/Sr High School will continue in total remote instruction and the elementary will continue in Hybrid instruction through January 22, 2021. With no school on Monday January 18, 2021, due to Martin Luther King Jr. day, next week the elementary will follow the Hybrid schedule as follows with group A - students going to school Tuesday and Wednesday and group B students – going to school on Thursday and Friday. Beginning **Monday January 25, 2021**, all students K-12 will be back in school 5 days/week for in person learning. If you wish to have your child educated at home please fill out the survey that was sent out this past Wednesday. Please understand that if you select in person or remote that will be your child's mode of instruction for the remainder of the school year. **As a reminder these plans are always subject to change based on public health recommendations or by Governor order.**

It has come to my attention that our drop-off and pick-up of students out back has become unsafe for our students and staff. Here are some reminders and changes that you can expect as we move forward. We are asking that all parents remain in their cars during this time.

1. There will be no parking for drop-off/pick-up of students. This causes our students and parents to cross traffic that is waiting in the line and could result in a serious injury to students, parents or staff.
2. All morning drop-off of students will take place at the cross walk, near the yellow poles, between the elementary school and the Jr/Sr high school. We will no longer be dropping off at the back door of the elementary.
3. All afternoon pick-up will take place at the cross walk, near the yellow poles, between the elementary school and the Jr/Sr high school. The staff will no longer be walking our student through the car line after school to find their ride. Jr/Sr High students will be picked up at the lower level gymnasium entrance.
4. Upon exiting the parking lot please continue through the lower level parking lot and exit using the North drive

For the latest district and Covid-19 information please go to our website www.ridgedaleschools.org, there you will find the district and state of Ohio schools Covid-19 dashboard, which will inform you of all school age Covid-19 cases, at Ridgedale and across the entire state, this dashboard is updated weekly. Currently we have 2 positive Jr/Sr High School student cases and 6 students in quarantine, with 0 positive student cases and 0 elementary student

in quarantine. We have 0 Jr/Sr High staff positive cases and 0 Jr/Sr High staff member in quarantine, with 0 elementary staff member positive with 0 staff members quarantined at this time. Ridgedale is still be responsible for contact tracing and quarantining of students and staff. Even though the Governor and ODH have relaxed quarantine rules, this does not mean that your student may need to quarantine in the future. If your child will need to quarantine you will be hearing from our school nurse, Mr. Jon Campbell, or the building office, and not Marion Public Health. Marion Public Health is now following the most recent Governor and ODH guidance for quarantine, and is listed in the link below. If there is a need to quarantine we will be relaying to you how long your child's quarantine will last.

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/covid-19-fact-sheet-k-12-exposure-and-quarantine.pdf>

To repeat students will return to 5 days/week in person instruction beginning Monday January 25, 2021, unless the family opts for online learning. We will continue to work hard to provide a safe learning environment for our students, and will evaluate the Covid-19 situation moving forward to make informed decisions. If you have any question please feel free to call 740-382-6065 ext 101 or email at rbritton@ridgedaleschools.org It's Great to be a Rocket! Have a Great Weekend.

Sincerely,
Robert A. Britton; Superintendent
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