



8/3/2021 External Communication  
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## **2021-2022 Back-to-School COVID Protocols**

As we head into the beginning of a new school year, I know there is still a lot of uncertainty as to what the future will bring. As you all know COVID is still with us and creates many concerns. All protocols indicated below will be followed by Shawnee Local Schools for the 2021-22 school year, but this could change with mandates ordered from the Governor, Ohio Department of Health and/or Allen County Public Health. Flexibility will be key as we begin yet another year. As a district we will do our very best to be open, honest and transparent with all decisions we make when it comes to your students.

### **Mask Protocol**

There will be no mask mandates at Shawnee Local Schools during the 2021-2022 school year for staff or students. Mask wearing will be optional for staff and students within the buildings, however the law requires us to mandate masks on school busses.

### **Cleaning Protocol**

Shawnee will continue to help minimize the spread of the flu and COVID-19. We will once again continue our COVID cleaning protocol regularly throughout this school year.

### **Health Checks**

Please do not send your child to school if they have a fever of 100.5 or above or have symptoms of COVID. While we understand the importance of attending school, you as parents and guardians are the first line of defense.

### **COVID-19 Vaccine**

Shawnee has no plans to require any staff member or student to receive the vaccine as a requirement to attend school. We believe receiving the vaccine is a personal decision of staff members and parents of children. We will remain neutral on the topic of a COVID-19 vaccine.

### **Quarantine**

If a staff member or student contracts COVID-19, they must be isolated until the health department gives the all clear to return to school.

### **Hours of Operation**

Shawnee plans to open school 5 days a week.

### **Athletics and Extracurricular Activities**

Shawnee plans to operate all athletics and extracurriculars without restrictions. Transportation guidelines will remain in effect as required by law.