



EAST PALESTINE CITY SCHOOLS

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COVID-19 Update Communication

Dear Parents and Community Members,

Good evening East Palestine families. This is Mr. Neifer, EP Superintendent.

Today the Governor's office finally released the guidance for reopening schools this fall, and we are still awaiting the guidance from the Ohio Department of Health. We will now embark on the task of digesting this new guidance in combination with our draft plans in order to design a plan that is best for our district. Over the next few weeks we will work on finalizing all aspects of our plan and include groups of staff, parents, and community members to help in this process. The data from the survey that was completed recently has played a major role in the design of our draft plans. I want all of you to know that we have extensive plans in place for scenarios ranging from full open status through continued closure with remote learning and options in between. We are prepared to provide parents with a menu of options for the safe return for students based upon your current situation. These plans have been created with strong collaboration with local health officials. Our team will work diligently to make the best decisions possible for the students and staff of East Palestine, and will share those plans with you as soon as possible.

Stay safe, stay healthy, enjoy the holiday weekend, and as always GO BULLDOGS!!!

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