2020-2021
COVID-19 Reopening Plan
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Wynford Parents and Students:

We are extremely excited to be able to welcome our students and staff members back to school for the 2020-2021 school year. The end of last school year was extremely challenging and we are eternally grateful to our students, parents, and staff members for making it through the COVID-19 closure. We are all excited for brighter days ahead, and we cannot wait to reopen our doors to all of you.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked on a plan to open schools for the 2020-2021 school year. This plan takes into consideration the guidelines from the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, the Governor of Ohio, and the Crawford County Health Department. Our goal is to provide the best possible education for our students, while still taking necessary precautions to keep our students and staff safe and healthy.

As we begin to reopen, it is going to take every family working together to help ensure a safe return to school and to ensure that we are able to remain open. We are asking every family to be vigilant in monitoring their own health and supportive of new procedures as we navigate the inconveniences that come along with the COVID pandemic.

This reopening guide is designed to give you an overview of the plans in place for the start of the 2020-2021 school year and was created in collaboration with the Crawford County Health Department and other local schools. We respect that this is a fluid situation and realize that guidance may change at any time. This plan will be updated regularly in accordance with state and local guidance and is subject to change at any time.
Reopening Plan Correlation to the Ohio Public Health Advisory System:

- **Level 1, Yellow:** We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan. Facial covering recommended.
- **Level 2, Orange:** We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan. Facial covering highly recommended.
- **Level 3, Red:** We will follow our COVID Reopening Plan, but all students will be required to wear a facial covering when not able to social distance.
- **Level 4, Purple:** We will close school, and Virtual Learning will be implemented.

* Students riding bus transportation are required to wear a facial covering.

**Five Focuses of Mitigation:**
- There are 5 identified categories of mitigation that schools should consider in each setting during the school day.
Layers of Protection:
The goal is to provide as many layers as possible in each setting, so that if there is a "hole" in one layer, other layers will be in place to help reduce the risk levels.

Student, Parent, and Caregiver Expectations:
- Daily wellness checks of students before sending to school. Students with temperatures of 100°F or higher should stay home until fever free for 24 hours (without use of any medication to control fever).
- Washing of hands before lunch and after lunch in addition to washing hands any time a student uses the restroom, coughs/sneezes into hands, or blows his/her nose.
- Covering all coughs/sneezes with a tissue or inside of the elbow.
- Ensuring 6 feet of physical distance from others whenever possible.
- Provide a clear water bottle daily for student use throughout the day.
- Ensure contact information for all caregivers is up to date. FinalForms must be filled out.
- Ensure there are multiple, pre-arranged methods of getting a student home from school should they become ill or exhibit symptoms.
Parents are asked to pay particularly close attention to the following symptoms and err on the side of caution when deciding to send your child to school:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Sanitation and Deep Cleaning:

- All classrooms will be fully disinfected with our new electrostatic backpack units on a daily basis.
- All school buses will be disinfected with our new electrostatic backpack units on a daily basis.
- Students will be asked to bring a clear water bottle with them to school to avoid sharing a common fountain.
- Hand sanitizer stations will be available throughout the building.

Training:

- All Wynford Staff members will take a course via our Public School Works training platform dealing with safety issues related to COVID-19.
- All custodial and maintenance staff at Wynford Local Schools have taken a training course on proper cleaning related to COVID-19.

Vigilantly Assessing Symptoms:
Students, caregivers, and staff are asked to monitor their health before departing for school. Those with temperatures over 100 degrees are asked to stay home.
Face Coverings: Facial coverings have been mandated by the Governor for all staff members (mask/shield). Staff members have a choice of mask or face shield. Students will be required at Level 3 and on school transportation when social distancing cannot be practiced.

- **Staff:** All staff members will be required to wear facial coverings while at work (mask/shield). Staff members may remove their facial coverings only when they are working in an isolated setting or when social distancing is not compromised.

- **Students:**
  - **Bus:** Due to the inability to provide distancing, students who ride the school bus, will be required to wear a face covering while on the bus.
  - **Class Time:** Students are not required to wear a face covering while they are at their desk in the classroom, although they are welcome and encouraged to do so.
  - **Medical Issues:** If your child has a medical issue that prohibits them from being able to comply with the face covering expectations, please contact the building principal and accommodations will be made.
  - **Parents are responsible for providing their child with a face covering.** If it is impossible for a parent to provide this, they need to contact their student's building administrator.

- Our face covering plan will be adjusted on an as needed basis to comply with mandates and guidelines issued at both the state and local level.

General Classroom Guidance: Adjustments will be made to allow as much distancing and avoidance of shared items within the classroom as possible. We recognize some of these changes are not ideal, but they are necessary "one year adjustments," and not permanent changes. Making these adjustments and sacrifices for one year will allow us to reopen our classrooms.

- Teachers will use all available classroom area to space students out in their classroom to the greatest extent possible.
- Common meeting areas within the classroom such as "reading carpets" or "group gathering" locations will be removed until such a time that distancing is no longer needed.
- Ancillary items in the classrooms that are not necessary will be removed for the year. This would include items such as bean bag chairs, stuffed animals, or other similar items that may create a common shared surface.
- There will not be shared supplies for the 2020-2021 school year, unless there is an extenuating circumstance approved by the building principal.
- We will not allow birthday treats, room parties involving parents, or shared snacks for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Classroom doors will remain open to allow for as much air flow as possible and reduce contact with door handles.
Classroom volunteers will not be allowed for the 2020-2021 school year unless there is an extenuating circumstance approved by the building principal.
Field trips will be evaluated based on health concerns at that time.
All teachers need to be utilizing and familiarizing their students with Google Classroom throughout the school year to allow for a more seamless transition should virtual learning become necessary.

Procedures for Positive Cases of COVID-19:
- Parents are asked to notify the school immediately if their child tests positive for COVID-19.
- The Crawford County Health Department will conduct all contact tracing.
- If a student or staff member tests positive for COVID-19, a letter will be sent home to all students in direct contact with the infected student or staff member alerting them of the situation.
- Wynford Local Schools will work in close contact with the Crawford County Health Department on the appropriate steps to take should a staff member or student be confirmed as having COVID-19.
- Students or staff members who test positive for COVID-19 will be required to have a letter from a physician or the Crawford County Health Department releasing them to return to school before being readmitted.

Procedures for School Bus Transportation:
- Parents should take their child's temperature each morning prior to allowing their child to ride the school bus. Students that have a fever should not ride the bus or come to school.
- All bus riders will sit in an assigned seat. When applicable, siblings/family groups will be required to sit together on the bus.
- Students are limited to one pick up and drop off location. Due to issues with potential contact tracing, we cannot allow students to have multiple pick up and drop off locations. No bus passes to ride with other students or to ride home to alternative locations will be issued this school year.
- School buses will be disinfected daily.
- Face coverings will be required for all students while riding the bus per Crawford County Health Department guidelines.
- Windows will be open for fresh air as much as the weather will allow.

School Guests and Visitors:
- To the extent possible, conferences and meetings with staff members will be held virtually.
- If a face to face meeting is necessary or requested, those meetings will be pre-scheduled and social distancing procedures will be implemented.
- Parents that need to visit the office or school building are asked to wear a facial covering.
**Start Date:**
- Classes will resume on September 8, 2020

**Social Distancing and Building Specific Procedures:**
Providing complete social distancing is not possible within a school setting without greatly reducing the amount of students allowed in a building at one time; which would result in a significant reduction in the education we could provide to our students. Wynford Local Schools will make an effort to space out students to the greatest extent possible while still providing a full school day to all students.

- **Arrival:**
  - We will unload school buses individually in the morning to avoid all students entering the building at one time.
  - Parents will not be permitted to enter the building at drop-off times.
- **Lunch:** Adjustments will be made to allow for as much distancing as possible. No visitors will be allowed during the lunch period.
- **Recess:** Adjustments will be made to provide as much distancing as possible.
- **Assemblies:** We will limit large student assemblies.

**Temporary School Closure Procedures:**
We realize that with COVID-19 still being present in our community there exists the possibility that we may face a temporary COVID-19 school closure at some point in the future. In the event that schools need to be closed due to COVID-19, we would implement the following procedures:

- To account for transitioning to a virtual learning environment, virtual instruction would begin 3-5 school days after the closing of school. This would allow our teachers and technology department time to prepare.
- Teachers would teach virtual lessons from their classroom that students would view remotely. Teachers would also have scheduled "office hours" where they would be available to conference with students and parents remotely on an as needed basis.
- The lessons would be archived in the teacher's Google classroom so that students could view the lessons at another time if they missed the lesson.
- Wynford Local Schools would designate one parking lot as a "hotspot" where free wifi would be available for students to work from a car.
- Students would be given access to a Chromebook if they do not have technology available at home.
**Wynford Online:**
Wynford Local Schools partners with a company called Edmentum Courseware for high school and middle school students and Calvert Learning for elementary students to offer Wynford Online. Students that enroll in this program remain eligible for all extracurricular activities in the same fashion as all other students. Students that complete Wynford Online are eligible for a Wynford High School diploma when applicable. All academic programming is provided by Edmentum Courseware or Calvert Learning and facilitated by a licensed Wynford teacher.

- This option is available to students KDG - 12th Grade
- If you enroll in Wynford Online, you must remain in the Online Academy for one semester at a time. You are welcome to transition back into "in-person" learning at the start of the next semester.
- To enroll in Wynford Online, please email Nicole Pelter at pelter.nicole@wynfordroyals.org.
  - You must email your intent to enroll in Wynford Online by Monday, August 17, 2020.
  - Please include the name and grade level of each child you wish to enroll.
- Please visit the following links for information about Edmentum Courseware and Calvert Learning.
  
  Edmentum Courseware - Grades 6-12

  Calvert Learning - Grades K-5

**Wynford Preschool:**
Preschool screening will occur on August 11 and 12, 2020, at Wynford Elementary School. If you have a child with a suspected delay whom you would like to be screened, please contact Erin Fishpaw at [fishpaw.erin@wynfordroyals.org](mailto:fishpaw.erin@wynfordroyals.org) to set up an appointment.

Two-day-a-week sessions will be offered Monday/Tuesday with three sections and Thursday/Friday with three sections, and a one-day-a-week session with two sections will be offered. Preference will be provided first to 4-year-old students and students with suspected delays.