



## **Ridgedale Local School District**

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Dear Parents/Guardians and Ridgedale Community:

After last Friday's weekly zoom with Marion Public Health I wanted to give everyone an update.

As of this week we are still in orange but will probably move to red this week. There are two outbreaks they are keeping an eye on at this time, one is at a preschool, which is mainly the adults, and they have suspended the preschool for the next two weeks. The second is through church or faith-based services/meetings. Most of the cases are within the city limits with very few in the country, and the majority of cases are affecting persons 60 years of age and older.

As you know the Health department is giving us the green light to move forward with in person instruction and they have been very pleased with all of the schools in how we are handling the social distancing and quarantining of individuals. They also noted that there have been no indications of spread due to athletic or extracurricular activities and the OHSAA is planning on starting winter sports on time with attendance restrictions in the near future.

The next two weeks for us will be four-day weeks with students as Monday the 5<sup>th</sup> was parent teacher conferences and Friday the 16<sup>th</sup> will be COTA day. After that we will be in a full 5 days/week with our students. We have seen a reduction in the number of kids staying totally remote. We now have 59 students remote as compared to 112 at the beginning of the school year. We have a total of 667 students enrolled at this time, which is exactly the same as last year, so our remote percentage is 8.8% of the student population.

The board of education has requested a change to our school restart plan in which would allow the Board and administration more flexibility determining what type of attendance, full, remote or hybrid, **as a reminder these plans are always subject to change based on public health recommendations or by Governor order.** If you have any question please call the Ridgedale Board Office at 740-382-6065, or log onto the website [ridgedaleschools.org](http://ridgedaleschools.org).

Sincerely,  
Robert A. Britton; Superintendent  
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