

## **Rolling Hills School District Re-Opening Agreements**

**PREFACE:** All Ohio school districts closed for the remainder of the school calendar beginning on March 10, 2020, by order of the Governor and State Health Commissioner in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. In early June little guidance was available from the Ohio Department of Education regarding guidelines for school re-opening for the 2020-21 school year. The Administrative Team from Rolling Hills came together on July 9th, 2020 to identify common practices throughout the district.

These general principles will guide each school building as they move forward with reopening the Rolling Hills Local School District:

1. Rolling Hills Local School District will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible.
2. Rolling Hills Local School District will work closely with the Guernsey County Department of Health to promote safety in each school building.
3. Rolling Hills Local School District will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
4. Rolling Hills Local School District recognizes the need for consistency in areas of operations while recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies.
5. Rolling Hills Local School District is planning to maintain their previously approved school calendars with the following changes:
  1. Staff will start on August 17, 2020
  2. Students will start September 1, 2020

These principles will be common to all buildings in the Rolling Hills Local School District:  
Communications when a student/staff member has been diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive

- Communication will be developed by the Health Department and school district. A common template will be developed to include the following:
  - ✓ Specify to parents and staff that a confirmed has has been confirmed and relay as much information we legally can.
  - ✓ The school district will cooperate with the Health Department's work in social tracing.
  - ✓ 14-day quarantine will be required of any student who tests positive with COVID-19 and anyone who is determined to have "exposure" as determined by the Health Department.
  - ✓ The Guernsey County Health Department and Rolling Hills will write a letter

for

the school district to use and the letter will explain/define what is considered "exposure" to COVID-19 that will result in quarantine.

Student health issues that are NOT diagnosed as COVID-19

- ★ **All students will be checked for temperatures upon entering buildings.**
- ★ **If temperature is 100 degrees fahrenheit or above the student will be sent home.**

- The duration of home stay for a child sent home with a fever is fever free (without medication) for 24-72 hours AND improvement of all other symptoms for 24-72 hours AND at least ten days have passed since symptoms started.
- To return to school the child must be transported to school by the parent and must be checked by the school nurse.

Food Service

- All schools will offer food service. Logistics will be determined by each school in compliance with Health Department based on:
  - ✓ Social distancing as much as possible
  - ✓ Cooks will handle food with gloves and masks
  - ✓ Individual condiments

### Classroom Occupancy

- Schools will inform parents that safety protocols are in place but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. Schools will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible.
- Face coverings are highly recommended for all students unless state mandates otherwise.

### Remote learning:

- Rolling Hills School District will offer remote learning for parents who do not wish to send their child to school.
- Parents may choose two options:
  1. Send their child to school (assume some level of risk), or
  2. Agree to remote learning from home for **one nine-weeks** at a time. **THIS REMOTE LEARNING WILL BE SELF PACED AND WILL REQUIRE SOMEONE AT HOME TO ASSIST.**
- Students will not be permitted to come in and out of remote learning.

### Visitors/Volunteers/Parties:

- There are different levels of school visitors, and each school will make decisions for each situation.
  - ✓ Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities.
  - ✓ Safety protocols such as taking temperatures will be implemented for all visitors.

### Transportation

- Rolling Hills District Schools will allow two students per seat and in some instances three students if the children are younger and therefore smaller.
- District will attempt to seat siblings together.
- Seating charts are recommended to assist with contact tracing if that is needed.
- Face masks are required for drivers and **REQUIRED** for students. If a district requires students to wear a mask the district may refuse to transport a student who refuses to wear a mask.
- In the event State policies require school districts to use alternative schedules, districts may adopt minimum requirements for transportation to reduce the number of students who are eligible for school district transportation.

## Recess

- School districts will make every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures.
- This may mean that schools limit student access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.
- Students must sanitize their hands after recess.