

# SAFETY PROTOCOLS

## Cleaning Practices, Contact Tracing, and Masks

### WHAT ABOUT MASKS?

- Masks are optional (except when on the school bus).
- ODH strongly recommends any unvaccinated individual to wear a mask.
- The district will continue to make masks available for any individual that requests one during the school day.

### The following practices will continue within our school buildings next school year:

- Frequent hand washing routines;
- Hand sanitizing stations throughout each school building and inside our classrooms;
- Thorough cleaning practices, including buses and cafeterias;
- The use of hands-free water bottle filling stations;
- Continuing to urge families to monitor their child's health every day;
- Stay home when sick.

### When it comes to a positive COVID-19 case, the district will conduct contact tracing, which includes:

- Exposure letters will be sent home to any exposed individual;
- Quarantine letters will be sent home to high risk exposed individuals;
- Students will be quarantined pending the degree of exposure based on contact tracing.
- Each school will continue to have a designated quarantine area;
- Students who become sick during the school day or arrive at school sick will be assessed by the school nurse. Pending symptoms, students may be required to quarantine.

### We have received questions and feedback about the use of masks in school buildings this fall:

- The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) requires masks to be worn on school buses.
- Individuals are permitted to wear masks in school buildings and at school-related events, but it is no longer a mandatory requirement. Masks are optional (except on the school bus);
  - ODH strongly recommend any unvaccinated individual to wear a mask.
  - The district will continue to make masks available for any individual that requests one during the school day.
- There may be periods of time where illnesses increase in our buildings, and in those cases we may issue recommendations for increased precautions, including the encouragement to wear masks.

