



# Mayfield City Schools

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

November 9, 2020

Dear Mayfield City Schools Parents and Staff,

As you know, positive COVID-19 cases, exposures and hospitalizations are on the rise across the nation, Ohio and in Cuyahoga County.

The district was notified this morning that 3 Mayfield High School students have tested positive for COVID-19. You have already been contacted if your student was in contact with the cases. The students will quarantine in accordance with the established protocols set forth by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health.

**Today alone at the high school, we have approximately 24 staff members in quarantine. This number will likely grow before the day's end.**

***The current increase of positive cases and exposures at Mayfield High School resulting in staff quarantines has impacted our ability to continue in-person, regular academic programming at Mayfield High School.***

**ONLY Mayfield High School students will begin online remote learning, effective November 10, 2020. We will continue to assess the community spread with a possible plan for high school students to return to in-person learning after Thanksgiving break, at the earliest.**

**Principal Legan will follow up this letter with remote learning specifics. All high school staff, unless quarantined, will report to the building and teach remotely from their classrooms and offices.**

The following Mayfield Schools and programs **WILL REMAIN OPEN**:

- Excel TECC
- CEVEC
- Mayfield Preschool
- Mayfield Middle School
- All Elementary Schools
- Wildcat Sport & Fitness
- Athletics, Co-Curricular and Extra Curricular programs
- *Mayfield Health & Wellness Clinic*
- Select special education programming

***We will continue to assess the impact of COVID spread on our staffing and the ability to maintain in-person learning options.***

***Our local health officials and experts are reporting that COVID-19 is spreading across our community because of the actions happening outside of our schools. Please commit to doing everything possible to prevent further community spread and further closures to the in-person learning option.***

*It is incumbent on every one of us to take the necessary and responsible preventions to eliminate COVID-19 exposures in the community. Please commit to doing everything possible to prevent further community spread.*

*Families, we ask, if you have not already done so, please formulate your plan for a transition to full remote learning if you are in-person. I am trying to avoid a sweeping decision that requires all schools and programs to go full remote.*

**Further, the district was notified this morning that 2 Central Office staff members tested positive for COVID-19. The Central Office and Mayfield High School cases are not connected to one another.**

The Mayfield City School District continues to work closely with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) to continue our school year. Part of this planning includes the steps we take when we learn someone in our school community tests positive for COVID-19.

As part of this public health investigation:

- The person(s) diagnosed will remain home from school until they are no longer infectious.
- The person's activities when they could have spread COVID-19 will be assessed.
- The people who were close contacts of the person with COVID-19 will be instructed to stay home from school/work for 14 days after the exposure. This is called quarantine.

Spread of COVID-19 is currently happening in our community. This is why it is so important for all students and staff to adhere to the key public health prevention strategies to reduce the chance for transmission of COVID-19, including:

- Wearing a face mask
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet
- Frequent hand washing with soap and water
- Hand sanitizing when soap and water are not available
- Staying home when you do not feel well
- Disinfecting high-touch surfaces regularly – these include doorknobs, light switches, counters, keyboards and phones
- Not sharing food, drinks, cups and utensils
- Avoiding large gatherings of 10 or more people

To keep cases to a minimum, please check your child for symptoms before coming to school each day. Additionally, if you or your child is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19:

- Review the [Coronavirus Self-Checker](#).
- Continue to keep your child at home from school and avoid other activities around other people.
- Notify the school.
- Seek medical care and testing for COVID-19 by contacting your family health care provider.

If you have questions or want more information about COVID-19, please visit the CCBH web site at [COVID-19 School Guidance](#) or call them Monday-Friday between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at 216-201-2000.

Our school will take the following actions steps to ensure continued safe operations:

#### Infection Control Measures

1. Promoting and demonstrating regular hand washing and positive hygiene behaviors and monitoring their uptake by:
  - a. Ensuring soap and safe water is available at age-appropriate hand washing stations

- b. Encouraging frequent and thorough hand washing (at least 20 seconds)
  - c. Placing hand sanitizers in restrooms, classrooms, halls and near exits where possible
2. Ensuring adequate and clean restrooms
3. Cleaning and disinfecting school buildings, classrooms, and especially water and sanitation facilities at least once a day, particularly high contact surfaces that are touched by many people (railings, lunch tables, sports equipment, door and window handles, toys, teaching and learning aids etc.)
4. Increasing air flow and ventilation where weather permits (open windows, use air conditioning where available etc.)
5. Posting signs encouraging good hand and respiratory hygiene practices
6. Ensuring trash is removed daily and disposed of safely

### Mitigation Measures

1. Social distancing practices
  - a. Cohorting students and classrooms (when we return to in person learning)
  - b. Using on-line and e-learning strategies
2. Procedures for ill students and staff
  - a. Ensuring ill staff or students remain home
  - b. Documenting comprehensive contact lists
3. Information sharing
  - a. Providing timely information on disease information and prevention efforts
4. Monitor school attendance
  - a. Monitoring absenteeism patterns and alert health authorities about increases in respiratory illness
5. Implement continuity of learning plans

Sincerely,



Keith Kelly, Superintendent