



Mayfield City Schools

EVERY STUDENT. EVERY DAY.

November 2, 2020

Dear Mayfield City Schools Parents, Students and Staff,

The COVID-19 virus is escalating, including within our Mayfield Schools community, our neighborhoods and causing positive cases among students and staff.

It is critical that we continue to enforce responsible safety measures during this pandemic if we are to continue in-person teaching and learning in our schools.

Today, the district was notified that 2 more Mayfield High School students tested positive for COVID-19. The students do not use Mayfield transportation. The students were last in school on October 27 and October 29, respectively. In accordance with the established protocols set forth by the CCBH, the students will remain at home for 10 days and may return to school, November 12 and November 13, 2020, respectively. They must be symptom free without the use of medication. Those students and staff in close contact with these students have already been contact traced and will not return to school or school activities until their quarantine period expires and they are symptom free without the use of medications.

Over the last 36 hours we have had 5 confirmed student cases and we are awaiting the results of several more. We are quarantining dozens of students and several staff.

- **Parties and large gatherings are impacting the spread of the virus.**
- **Some of the recent positive cases at Mayfield High School have been contact traced to a house party in our community on Oct. 23.**
- **We also understand that there was a Halloween house party that involved many students. If true, this will likely result in more positive cases.**

There is a strong desire among our parents, students and staff to provide an in-person learning option with the sports and co-curricular activities that are important to our students. Our schools can only remain open with an in-person option so long as cases among students and staff remain manageable. If the trend of positive cases and quarantines continues upward, I will have no choice but to recommend a return to a full remote learning plan.

Please:

- **As a community, we must remain vigilant.**
- **Our actions matter.**
- **Each of us must do our part to stop the spread of this virus and keep each other healthy and safe.**

PLEASE NOTE: If your child tests positive over the weekend, please report the information asap so we can begin contact tracing. Our COVID-19 REPORTING HOTLINE for Mayfield City Schools can be reached 24/7 at 440.995.6886 or email covidreporting@mayfieldschools.org.

The Mayfield City School District continues to work closely with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) to ensure a safe 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 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