

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Schools Office Safety and Prevention Guidance Overview

Topic	Required or Mandated Action	Recommended Action	Supporting Documentation
Attendance		Schools SHOULD be prepared with appropriate plans for absences	
Attendance Monitoring	MUST monitor for trends for both students and staff		
Attendance Policies		Sick leave and absence policies SHOULD NOT penalize staff or students	
Cleaning and Disinfecting	Schools MUST clean surface areas frequently		https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/disinfecting-building-facility.html https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/Responsible-Protocols/
Cleaning and Disinfecting Wipes	Schools MUST make sanitation/disinfectant wipes labeled for use against SARS-CoV-2 (COVID-19) available in each room and common space		https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-registration/list-n-disinfectants-use-against-sars-cov-2-covid-19
Confirmed Case of COVID	Before returning, must review CDC guidelines and consult with Local Health Department on direction. If no direction is provided, follow applicable CDC protocol.		https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/end-home-isolation.html
Daily Health Checks		Take temperature and assess symptoms at home	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Exposure to Someone with COVID	Before returning, must review CDC guidelines and consult with Local Health Department on direction. If no direction is provided, follow applicable CDC protocol.	Individuals potentially exposed SHOULD follow recommendations from local health officials and medical provider	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html#If-You-or-Someone-You-Know-is-Sick-or-Had-Contact-with-Someone-who-Has-COVID-19
Face Coverings/Mask Exceptions		Exceptions include: Prohibited by law, In violation of documented industry standards, Not advisable for health reasons, In violation of documented safety policies, When staff works alone in assigned work area, There is a practical reason to not wear a face covering	

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Face Coverings/Mask Health Room	School nurses or staff who care for individuals with symptoms MUST use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the school, in accordance with OSHA standards.	School nurses or staff who care for individuals with symptoms MUST use appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) provided by the school, in accordance with OSHA standards.	https://www.osha.gov/SLTC/covid-19/healthcare-workers.html
Face Coverings/Masks	All Schools MUST have a face mask policy		https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/checklists/english-checklists/Cloth-Face-Coverings-COVID-19-Checklist
Face Coverings/Masks	<p>New Order 8-4-2020</p> <p>Children in grades K-12 are now required to wear masks at school.</p>	<p>It is STRONGLY RECOMMENDED that students in grades 3-12 wear face mask unless they are unable to do so for health or developmental reasons.</p> <p>(See new order from 8-4-2020)</p>	<p>https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/checklists/english-checklists/Children-Cloth-Face-Coverings</p> <p>https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/news-releases-news-you-can-use/covid-19-update-08-04-20</p> <p>Joint Letter from AAP and OCHA (issued 8-4)</p>
Face Coverings/Masks	MUST wear face masks unless it is unsafe or where doing so significantly interferes with the learning process		https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html
Face Coverings/Masks on Buses		STRONGLY RECOMMENDED students wear a mask while being transported on school buses	
Face Shields		<p>Face Shields can be considered an alternative where cloth coverings would hinder the learning process. Potential situations could be useful in the following situations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) When communicating with students, including those with disabilities, could be impacted. 2) When interacting with English Language Learners or teaching foreign language 3) When cloth masks are a safety hazard (science labs) 4) For those who have difficulty wearing a cloth covering 	

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Guidance Cleaning and Disinfecting Overview			https://www.epa.gov/coronavirus/guidance-cleaning-and-disinfecting-public-spaces-workplaces-businesses-schools-and-homes
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Hand Sanitizer	Supplement handwashing, schools MUST provide hand sanitizer >60% alcohol in high traffic areas		
Handwashing		SHOULD practice frequent handwashing when hands are dirty, before and after eating, and after using restroom. Schools MUST post the signs from the CDC re: how to protect yourself and stop the spread of COVID throughout the building.	https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/training-education.html
Handwashing Opportunities	MUST provide opportunities for handwashing		https://www.cdc.gov/handwashing/index.html
Mental Health (ODE)			http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Reset-and-Restart/Returning-to-School-Supporting-the-Social-Emotio
Mental Health Resources (CDC)			https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/managing-stress-anxiety.html
Mental Health Resources (Ohio Dept of Health)			https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/coping-with-covid-19-anxiety/Coping-with-COVID-19-Anxiety
Sharing Supplies		Sharing supplies should be minimized. If shared, they should be sanitized between each use.	
Social Distancing and Mixing Classes		REDUCE mixing student groups	
Social Distancing and Shared Spaces		AVOID using shared materials and shared spaces (lockers, cubbies, etc.)	
Social Distancing and Visitors		LIMIT visitors - Temperature checks and symptom checks should be required for all visitors.	
Social Distancing Cues		Reinforce distancing with visual cues such as floor markings and signs	
Social Distancing for Field Trips		CONSIDER eliminating field trips or large group events	
Social Distancing in Specials Class		Regarding band, choir, theater classes, etc., SHOULD maintain as much social distance AS POSSIBLE when actively playing and performing	

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Social Distancing on Buses		School officials should do the best they can to keep social distancing on buses.	
Social Distancing Overview		School staff SHOULD TRY WHEN POSSIBLE to maintain 6-foot social distance in all school environments including classrooms, hallways, restrooms, cafeteria, playground, drop off and pick up locations, and school buses	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/social-distancing.html
Temperature above 100° and Referrals	School personnel MUST refer those displaying symptoms to appropriate health care professional or testing site.		https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Temperature above 100° and Sanitization		Area(s) of building occupied by person exhibiting symptoms SHOULD be thoroughly sanitized.	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Temperature above 100° and Separation		Space where individual waits before leaving SHOULD be separate from nurse's office and other areas where students are likely to visit.	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Temperature above 100° and Social Distancing		Maintain social distance WHEN POSSIBLE	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Temperature above 100° Communication to Local Health Dept.		Local health department SHOULD be contacted	https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Temperature above 100° Discovered at Home or School	MUST stay home if discovered at home. MUST be separated from others, given a face covering and monitored by staff wearing appropriate PPE if discovered at school. Review CDC guidelines and consult with Local Health Department on direction. If no direction is provided, follow applicable CDC protocol.		https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html
Monitor and Stay Abreast of New Developments	Schools must actively monitor new or additional guidance/rules issued by the CDC, Ohio Department of Health, or Local Health Departments regarding COVID-19 and adjust their policies and procedures as necessary to align with that evolving guidance.		

