

# East Canton Parent FAQ Sheet

All families of Osnaburg Local School District are being asked to choose a learning model for the 2020-2021 school year. The link can be accessed on our website at [www.ecweb.sparcc.org](http://www.ecweb.sparcc.org). Please complete by Friday, July 31st.

- When is the start of the school year?
  - August 24th is the first student day, but not all students will go each day. The schedule will be posted on the website soon. It is as follows:
    - August 24- Only students in grades 4, 5, 6, and 9
    - August 25- Only students in grades 2, 3, 7, and 10
    - August 26- Only students in kindergarten group A, first grade group A, and grades 8, and 11
    - August 27- Only students in kindergarten group B, first grade group B and grades 2-8 and 12
    - August 28- All students K-12
- Where will the Kindergarten groups for the phase in days be listed?
  - Both the Kindergarten and 1st grade Phase In groups will be listed in the teacher letters mailed to individual students/families in mid-August.
- How will social distancing be accomplished when possible?
  - Under the In-person instruction model, social distancing will be maximized. It is important for students to remember returning to school in 2020-2021 will not be the same social environment as it was prior to the COVID-19 pandemic. When everyone follows social distancing guidelines, we can maximize our physical distance. However, to expect 6 feet of social distancing at all times is not practical.
- Will Y-care be offered for the 2020-2021 school year?
  - The YMCA will offer childcare options after school for K-6 students (a minimum of ten children is required to run the program). After school care will run from 2:15-6:00pm Social distancing expectations will be followed. Registration will be available beginning August 3rd. If you have questions, you can contact: Andrew Stiles, Child Care Director at Louisville YMCA at [astiles@ymcastark.org](mailto:astiles@ymcastark.org) or 330.875.1611.
- If you choose virtual learning from the beginning and if the state or county moves to all remote learning will the existing virtual schedule and programming change?
  - If you choose the Online Academy from the beginning, the programming will NOT change if remote learning is ordered.

- If you choose the home base and decide after 9 weeks you can't do it, are you able to go to the all in option?
  - Yes, you can change your decision at each quarter.
  
- If I keep my children at home initially, can they come back to school physically after a few months?
  - The answer to your question is yes. We do ask that a nine week commitment to either option is made. This allows for an easier transition for the student. So if your children choose an online option, after the first nine weeks you are welcome to choose a different option for them.
  
- Will my children be eligible for extra-curricular activities in options 2 or 3?
  - Students are eligible for extra-curricular activities in all learning options as long as they are meeting the academic and conduct code requirements.
  
- If I live in another district and I like the plan for this school better can we transfer for the year?
  - If you do not live in our district boundaries, open enrollment is open until August 1st for those who live in a district where the border touches our border.
  
- Does my child have to wear a face covering to school?
  - All faculty and staff will wear face masks or face shields.
  - No facial coverings will be required for preschool students.
  - K-2 students: Coverings required while on buses and when social distancing is not feasible (i.e. when entering or leaving the building, hallways, etc.) While seated in classrooms, students will be provided a plastic divider to work behind, and face coverings will not be required (but will be permissible)
  - 3-12 students: Coverings required while on buses and when social distancing is not feasible (i.e. when entering or leaving the building, hallways, in classrooms that do not allow 6ft social distancing, etc.) The goal is to allow students to not wear coverings as much as safety allows, but space limitations may require students to wear masks the majority of the day. Face covering breaks will be provided as much as possible with consideration of students' ages and needs.
  - Students should have their own face covering (mask or shield) and wear it into school.
  - The school will provide students with one face covering to wear during the school day.
  - Face covering health appeal forms will be available on Final Forms and due by August 14th. Covering waivers will require medical documentation.
  
- When face masks are required, is it acceptable for the students to use a neck gaiter and pull it up over their mouth & nose?
  - The use of a neck gaiter is acceptable. In many cases, it does seem to provide some flexibility for a student.

- Will face coverings be required in physical education and at recess?
  - Coverings during physical education will be at the discretion of the classroom teacher. As long as students are maximizing social distancing. During recess face coverings can be relaxed.
  
- How are children supposed to wear a shield with glasses ? My kindergartener wears glasses
  - The face shields should fit over the glasses. You can have your child wear their own mask through the day if you prefer when social distancing is not feasible.
  
- How will students get on and off buses?
  - Bussing will be provided for the ALL IN and ONLINE ACADEMY SCHOOL BASED options.
  - Buses will be a high risk zone since social distancing is very difficult. We encourage parents to arrange for outside transportation whenever possible.
  - Face coverings will be required while on the bus.
  - Parents must assess student health before students arrive at bus stop.
  - Students will have assigned seats and load the bus from back to front.
  - 2 students per seat, with siblings sitting together when applicable.
  - Students will use provided hand sanitizer before entering the bus.
  - 6-12 students will self-assess before getting on the bus, including taking their own temperatures when the bus arrives.
  - A procedure is still being developed for the K-5 students.
  
- Will the seniors who attend Stark State have a plan through the school or will they be contacted on an individual basis through Stark State?
  - Those seniors will work with our guidance staff and Stark State to complete their CCP courses.
  
- Will the elementary kids be having their specials outside of their homerooms just like previous years or will they be staying in the same classroom all day? Will they be allowed to have gym, music, library, etc.?
  - We are planning on the kids going to the specials rooms as in the past. We'll follow the same mitigation protocols in those rooms as in the homeroom. We worry it would be too much to have the kids in the same classroom all day.
  
- Why are the big kids getting out after the little kids when my oldest child is the one who watches the littles when they get off the bus?
  - We were concerned about the early morning supervision of the younger students if the older students left first for school. We were hopeful that supervision in the afternoon would be easier for families than early in the morning. Also, YCare is available after school each day to help with the supervision of younger students if needed.

- After reviewing the plan to restart school, I'm just wondering, is there any option for a younger sibling to have a place to wait for their older sibling and ride the bus home together so the younger sibling isn't getting off the bus on their own and would potentially be home alone until the older sibling gets home?? YMCA childcare is not an option, the cost is an issue.
  - Because of social distancing required on our busses, we are unable to accommodate students riding a different route or bus than their original assignment. In extreme circumstances, families can contact their building principal to see if there is an accommodation that can be made. The accommodation may include a space at school for the younger sibling to wait until the older sibling is dismissed from school to leave with their own transportation. Accommodations will NOT include elementary students riding the middle school/high school bus route as this is not feasible for our social distancing mitigations.
  
- How will Physical Education be handled in the ALL- IN option as far as safety measures concerning equipment and social distancing? Or will PE be waived for the upcoming school year?
  - Yes, there will be PE with physical and social distancing. Equipment will be disinfected between uses.
  
- If the online ACELLUS option is chosen, how will a PE component be included? The same goes for 8th grade band (not marching). If both of these are excluded from the curriculum, what will be put in place for students since they are supposed to have a certain number of credits and electives per year?
  - In Middle School the online students will run the schedule they originally registered for, and all of their coursework will be overseen by an East Canton teacher. Curriculum will be determined by the East Canton teacher.
  
- How can families help?
  - There is no single entity solely responsible for keeping everyone safe. Successfully reopening schools will require continual collaboration between administrators, staff and teachers. And an ongoing cooperation among teachers, students and parents. Everyone has a role to play. It is important that children are checked for symptoms of illness before coming to school, and students not feeling well should be kept home.
  
- I think I was exposed to COVID-19 or someone in my immediate family was, what should I do?
  - Contact that Stark County Health Department IMMEDIATELY and seek guidance from public health experts and follow protocol in place. The Stark County Health Department can be reached by calling (330) 493-9904.

- How will the district communicate if a staff member or a student tests positive for COVID-19?
  - The District will work collaboratively with the Stark County Health Department, which will determine what steps to take if a staff member or student tests positive for COVID-19.
  - The Stark County Health Department will take the lead on contact tracing with any confirmed positive COVID-19 cases.
  - If the Stark County Health Department confirms a positive COVID-19 case to the school district, parents/guardians will receive communications from Osnaburg Local Schools with guidelines, recommendations and directions.
  
- If a student or staff member tests positive for Covid 19 what is the district and state protocol for the rest of the school and our students?
  - We will work in direct contact with the Stark County health department for any positive COVID case to determine close contacts, quarantine days, and other protocols. Current CDC guidelines state people should quarantine for at least 10 days after the symptom onset.
  - Here is the CDC guidance on this question relating to the person that tests positive for COVID-19. I would also say that we would work directly with the Stark County Health Department to conduct contact tracing for the rest of the school. The steps that we would follow would be:
    - Deep cleanse of areas person with positive test occupied
    - Stark County Health Department conduct contact tracing interviews as defined as within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more
    - Those who did have close contact would be asked to self quarantine for a time period established by the health department

## Recommendations

### Duration of isolation and precautions

- For most persons with COVID-19 illness, isolation and precautions can generally be discontinued 10 days *after symptom onset* and resolution of fever for at least 24 hours, without the use of fever-reducing medications, and with improvement of other symptoms.
  - A limited number of persons with severe illness may produce replication-competent virus beyond 10 days that may warrant extending duration of isolation and precautions for up to 20 days after symptom onset; consider consultation with infection control experts.

- If the traditional Open House/Meet the Teacher event is cancelled, will there be an opportunity to drop off school supplies so the kids don't have to carry them all in on the first day of school?
  - We will be having a virtual solution. Elementary may do a drive through drop off.
- Will the online curriculum fall within my son's IEP guidelines? Will there be modified work?
  - During the first week of August we will have more information about a student's modifications.
- How will lunch be conducted? Is there allotted time for different grades? If in the cafetorium, are they distanced there?
  - We will have increased social distancing to the extent possible. Students will be seated in a checkerboard manner utilizing long table instead of round. Seating will be expanded into the gymnasium.
- Will the All-Stars group be able to meet as they have in past years? What about All-Stars that are online?
  - Yes, All-Stars will continue to meet utilizing facial coverings and social distancing. We will work on a remote option for students who choose online.
- Since they won't have use of lockers, will there be somewhere they can leave their books, etc so they don't have to carry all books/notebooks for all classes with them all day?
  - We will try to limit supplies and students are permitted to carry their bookbag.
- Will there be an open house this year?
  - There will not be a traditional open house, but we are exploring virtual options. We will be utilizing the phase-in schedule to help students get acclimate to their schedule.
- Will drinking fountains be open?
  - Drinking fountains will NOT be open. Students are encouraged to bring water bottles from home.
- Will I be allowed to visit my children during the school day?
  - Visitations will be limited to essential visitations and for emergency situations only.
- Has 6th Grade Camp been canceled?
  - We are waiting on additional guidance. A decision will be made as soon as possible.
- Will students share supplies in the classrooms?
  - Students will be advised to limit the use of shared objects when possible. These will be cleaned and disinfected frequently.
- Will classrooms be cleaned between classes?
  - The building will receive additional cleaning of services during the school day.

- What else is being done to keep our schools clean?
  - High touch areas will get particular attention throughout the day, and hand sanitizer will be available for students to use in the classrooms and stationed throughout the school in high traffic areas.
  
- Where can I find more information?
  - [www.ecweb.sparcc.org](http://www.ecweb.sparcc.org) By clicking on COVID-19 resources on our home page you will find our Reset and Restart plan and links to support and help our families. You are invited to email any of us with additional questions or concerns. All staff emails begin with their first.lastname@osnaburglocal.org.
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  - [COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 schools](#)
  - [Ohio Health Orders \(Ohio Department of Health\)](#)
  - [COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry \(American Academy of Pediatrics\)](#)
  - [Ohio Public Health Advisory System \(Ohio Department of Education\)](#)
  - [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) Considerations for Schools](#)
  - [Reset and Restart Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts](#)
  - [Restart Stark \(Stark County Health Department\)](#)
  - [OHSAA's Return to Play Recommendations](#)