

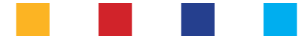


Barberton Schools **SafetyPlan**



The following information details the safety plan for the Barberton City School District for the 2021-2022 school year. These are in keeping with the state-mandated guidelines and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Operational Strategy for K-12 Schools through Phased Prevention.

This plan will be posted to the website of the individual schools and on the district website. Students, staff and parents who want further information or have questions will be encouraged to reach out to the school directly.



Overview

The goal for the Barberton City School District is to open up and function as normally and safely as possible. The district will follow all stipulated health guidelines for its students and will have appropriate accommodations for children with disabilities with respect to the health and safety policies. Additionally, while the plan is to be fully open, those who wish to continue to engage in distance/remote learning have had that option provided to them.

Recognizing the extreme challenges faced by students and staff during the COVID-19 pandemic, Barberton City School District has committed to ensuring continuity of a wide array of services addressing the academic needs of students as well as the social, psychological and emotional needs of students and staff. Our plan also includes student health and food services.

If anything should change regarding safety protocol/procedures, the Barberton City Schools Safety Committee will convene and seek input from community members and staff to determine any changes that need to be updated within this plan based on any new directives given by the CDC, the Governor's office, The Ohio Department of Health, or the Summit County Health Department.

■ Mask Guidelines

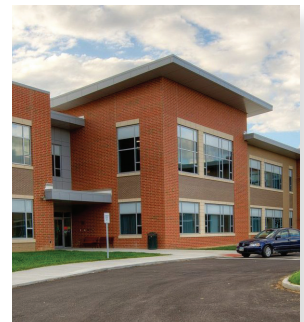
The decision to wear a mask will be left to the discretion of parents and individuals. In accordance with the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health, the district strongly encourages individuals without the vaccine to wear masks to protect themselves and others. Ultimately, However, travelers are still required by the CDC to wear masks while on public transportation, which includes school buses. This applies to those using school buses both to attend the summer program and when school starts again this August. If the CDC issues any changes to that order, we will notify all parties.



■ Physical Distancing / Building Health

Barberton City School District has reconfigured its classrooms to ensure three-foot distancing between desks and will undertake frequent sanitizing of all working spaces. Additionally, the air systems will be running 24/7 to keep the air flow in the buildings constantly moving throughout the buildings. Students and staff will be encouraged to follow proper protocols regarding handwashing and to adhere to the safe structure for movement throughout buildings. All buildings also have touchless water fountains available to students and staff.

Volunteers will not be allowed in schools for the first 9-weeks of the 2021-2022 school year. At the end of the first 9-weeks, we will reevaluate and make a decision on when they are able to return. The schedule for pick-up and drop-off times will be similar to the schedule prior to the pandemic. There will be no staggered starts and Latchkey will be available at Barberton West and East.





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■ Contact Tracing / Quarantine Guidelines

While the number of vaccinations continues to rise, the prevalence of viral occurrences still necessitates a strategy for dealing with any COVID-19 outbreaks. Barberton City School District will continue to monitor any cases of COVID-19 that may come into the school setting. In the case of a positive COVID-19 case, contact tracing will be done by the administration with the help of the teachers. Teachers will use seating charts and other means to keep students distanced to help with the tracing process to notify those who were exposed and may be infected.

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, if there is an identified case, students and staff still may be required to quarantine. Students and staff will be placed into quarantine if they are in close contact with a person who either tests positive for COVID-19 or meets the criteria to be considered positive for COVID-19.



**Parents/
guardians
are encouraged
to screen their
students for
symptoms of
COVID-19
including a
temperature
check.**

Close contact is defined as the following:

If All People Involved **Were Not Wearing a Face Covering:**

- Within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period of time.

If All People Involved **Were Wearing a Face Covering** in a Classroom Setting:

- Within 3 feet for 15 minutes or more in a 24-hour period of time.

Contacts would also, in either of the first 2 circumstances, include anyone who had direct contact with the positive individual- no matter the amount of time. This would include a hug, kiss, sharing utensils or drinkware and caregivers.

If a Person is **Fully Vaccinated:**

- If a person is fully vaccinated, he/she **will not be required to quarantine.**

We will continue to follow the local health department and CDC guidelines regarding diagnostic and screening testing. Any student with a temperature of 100.2 or other COVID-19 symptoms will be quarantined in a designated space, and parents will be notified to come to the school to pick up the student.

Parents/guardians are encouraged to screen their students for symptoms of COVID-19 including a temperature check. If the child shows any symptoms or is not feeling well, he or she should not attend school. Students will be able to make up any work missed and will be able to log on remotely to get daily work.

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As of right now, we are fully staffed for the return of all students to the buildings. Many of our students cannot withstand another year academically, socially, and emotionally that they experienced last year due to the challenges of remote learning.

■ Vaccination Availability

Through its relationship with Discount Drug Mart, Barberton City School District will help arrange vaccination appointments for educators, other staff and students, if eligible. In addition to helping with locations, we will be watching for more vaccination opportunities in the district..



**For more
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questions**

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