



**Cory-Rawson Local Schools**  
September 4, 2020  
Heath Huffman, Superintendent

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## **The Start of the 2020-2021 School Year is Almost Here**

Labor Day weekend often signifies the unofficial end of summer. This is true for Cory-Rawson Local Schools as we look forward to welcoming students back into our buildings for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Below you will find general information and reminders related to the start of the school year. If after reviewing this information you have questions please contact the appropriate member of the administrative team (listed below).

### **Under which instructional model (traditional, hybrid, or remote) will Cory-Rawson Local Schools begin the school year?**

As shared in previous communication we will start in the hybrid model. All K-12 students have been divided into two groups during hybrid instruction.. One group, the Green Group (Monday & Tuesday=Face-to-Face Instruction, Wednesday, Thursday, & Friday=Remote Learning), mostly contains K-12 students with last names A-L, while the second group, the Gold Group (Monday,

Tuesday, & Wednesday=Remote Learning, Thursday & Friday=Face-to-Face Instruction), is predominantly composed of K-12 students with last names M-Z. There are deviations in these alphabetical assignments to balance groups, keep immediate family in the same group, and for a variety of educational reasons. Below is the schedule for next week, the first week of school.

Monday, September 7, 2020	No School-Labor Day
Tuesday, September 8, 2020	Green Group First Day of Attending School Paper/ Electronic Assignments May Be Given to Green Group Students Only
Wednesday, September 9, 2020	Green Group Remote Day Based on Potential Assignments Described Above
Thursday, September 10, 2020	Gold Group First Day of Attending School
Friday, September 11, 2020	Gold Group Second Day of Attending School

**PLEASE NOTE:**

\*\*A rise in Hancock County's level (to Level 3-Red or Level 4-Purple) would force a switch to remote learning. Levels are updated on Thursday of each week.

\*\*Per board action, if Hancock County's level drops to yellow (Level 1), the lower level must be sustained for at least two weeks before a change in instructional model is considered. With this in mind, if Hancock County drops to Level 1 (yellow) on September 10, 2020 that level would need to be maintained through September 17, 2020 to allow for the possible transition to a traditional schedule to be considered beginning the week of September 21, 2020.

\*\*As a district we will continue to review our Healthy Restart Plan including the details of the hybrid instructional model in an effort to achieve our stated goal of offering a quality education to students in a healthy environment for all.

\*\*Questions about group assignments should be directed to Cory-Rawson Elementary School principal, Ben Thiel (thiel@cory-rawson.org or 419.963.3415) or Cory-Rawson High School principal, Jodi Gaietto (gaietto@cory-rawson.org or 419.963.3415).

## **Other Reminders**

\*\*Per health department recommendation we ask parents to assess the health of their child/children each morning before school. There is NO requirement to provide this information to the school, but [Click Here](#) to see the Daily Home Screening for Students document. As always, if your child is ill please keep him/her home from school. If a child develops symptoms of illness during the school day school staff will make parental contact to make arrangements for the child to be picked up in a timely manner.

\*\*Bus route information has been shared through various communication. The information can be found below (again). Questions regarding bus routes may be directed to Ben Smith, transportation supervisor (smith@cory-rawson.org or 419.963.3415 ext. 5000).

\*\*The facilities of Cory-Rawson Local Schools will NOT be open to students until 7:45AM each morning (unless a meeting is scheduled by a supervising staff member). Please plan accordingly.

\*\*The Ohio Department of Health created an order on August 13, 2020 requiring K-12 students to wear facial coverings (masks) while in school and on school transportation vehicles. [Click here](#) to read the order. As you will see in the order there are exemptions related to facial coverings (recess, lunch, masks breaks as offered by teachers, etc.).

\*\*Arrangements have been made to allow for appropriate social distancing.

\*\*Healthy hand hygiene will be promoted.

\*\*We will all work together to clean and sanitize the school environment.

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[Click Here to View Bus Route Information](#)

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**Administrative Team Contact Information**

Any member of the administrative team may be reached via telephone at 419.963.3415. Team members can also be contacted through email. Email addresses are listed below.

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## #weareinthistogether

Various groups and individuals have used the Twitter hashtag, #weareinthistogether, to describe the efforts taken to promote good health and a return to school and extra-curricular activities in Ohio. While we may not all agree regarding the mandates, recommendations, and guidance related to COVID-19, the efforts of our community to follow protocols have been noticed and appreciated. Following protocols is likely the best path to good health, a sustainable return to school, and a continuation of extra-curricular activities. Recently the school administrators of Putnam County released the letter found below to their respective school districts. This letter is shared here to illustrate we (all school districts) are caught in a precarious situation. We all want what's best for kids, and the choices we make as individuals and a community may have consequences (positive or negative) on the students in our districts, as well as each school district as a whole.

[Click Here to Read the Letter from the School Administrators of Putnam County](#)

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