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Cory-Rawson Local Schools

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Heath Huffman, Superintendent

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Good Evening:

If you viewed tonight's Board of Education meeting you are likely aware the Cory-Rawson Board of Education postponed action regarding the Hancock County/Findlay City Schools Common Reopening Agreement this evening. That postponement occurred as the final draft of the document is not available at this point despite the best efforts of the school districts in Hancock County and officials from Hancock Public Health. While each school district within Hancock County is unique, our response to COVID-19 should be similar as ALL districts work to educate students in a healthy atmosphere for the stakeholders of each district.

A bit of frustration is understandable at this point, as I feel it as well. The sense of uncertainty is a bit unnerving as many feel plans are "dangling" at this time. While all details have not been decided or acted upon by the Cory-Rawson Board of Education, the following can be shared in an effort to inform all involved:

1. The first day of school will be September 8, 2020.
2. Cory-Rawson Schools (and all Hancock County/Findlay City Schools) desire for students to return to our physical campuses for “traditional” school five (5) days a week. The ability for students to physically attend school may be impacted by COVID-19. Decisions related to whether students will be able to physically attend school (or not) will be based on Hancock County’s status within the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. (see photo below).
3. When students are physically attending school, General Health Guidelines & Protocols will be in place. These include:
 1. Symptom Assessment
 1. Cory-Rawson Local Schools strongly encourages daily symptom checks for staff, caregivers, and students. All staff and students who have symptoms consistent with COVID-19 will stay home and are strongly recommended to be tested as soon as possible to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
 2. Hand Washing & Sanitizing
 1. Cory-Rawson Local Schools encourages families to discuss appropriate hand washing and sanitizing procedures. These procedures will also be reviewed at school.
 2. Hand sanitizer will be available in high traffic areas including entrances to buildings and classrooms.
 3. Cleaning & Sanitizing the School Environment
 1. As in the past, Cory-Rawson Local Schools will strive to create a clean, sanitized school environment. Additional protocols will be implemented to work towards the achievement of this goal. From time to time, students and staff may be asked to assist in this task. This will always occur in an age appropriate manner. The district is also cognizant of the possible negative impact of disinfectant/chemical use in a school building. Product selection will be made with such in mind.
 4. Social Distancing

1. Students will be spaced as far apart as possible/feasible. Districts will strive to maintain six (6) feet of social distancing during the school day.
2. Band, and choir may have special considerations to maintain the six (6) feet social distancing, and outdoor performance is encouraged as weather conditions allow.

5. Facial Coverings

1. As of today, Governor DeWine has mandated facial coverings for all K-12 students. As a recent happening, official guidance has not been released to schools at this time. A few details can be found [here](#).
2. As with other businesses, all school staff and volunteers must wear face coverings unless it is unsafe to do so or where doing so would significantly interfere with the learning process.

4. Visitors & Volunteers

1. Visitors are generally discouraged from being in school district facilities.
2. Safety protocols and procedures, such as taking temperatures, screening for symptoms, requiring face coverings, washing, and/or sanitizing hands upon arrival will be applied for all visitors.
3. Volunteers should be assigned one (1) consistent work area rather than alternating or “floating” between classrooms or other areas of the building(s).

5. Student and/or Staff Illness

1. Protocols related to student and/or staff illness continue to be refined at this time.

6. Transportation, Arrival & Dismissal, Food Services, Recess, & Other Components of a School Day

1. Health protocols/procedures will be established related to each component of the school day focused on the overall well-being of each student while promoting hand washing & sanitizing, clean & disinfecting of school environment, social distancing, and facial coverings.

7. Cory-Rawson Virtual Learning Academy (CRVLA)

1. Some families may prefer to educate their son(s)/daughter(s) completely online for the 2020-2021 school year. This will be an option for students in Hancock County (and Cory-Rawson Local School District).
 1. Under this option, students would be enrolled in online classes that may/may not be proctored by Cory-Rawson staff members. Course lessons and assignments would differ from those of students physically attending school and/or who may not be attending school in our buildings due to short-term closures. Curriculum would be aligned to state standards and be as rigorous as curriculum offered "at school."
 2. Students educated under this option would still have an opportunity to participate in extracurricular and certain co-curricular activities.
 3. Ideally, students participating in the complete online option would be eligible to return at the end of a grading period/semester. It is understood, however, certain circumstances may lead to a change in educational delivery at other times. Nevertheless, the goal when making changes to the instructional delivery models would occur in a way to promote consistency and learning.

While a few items still need to be determined, the above information outlines basic tenets of our district's intentions related to the 2020-2021 school year. As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (huffman@cory-rawson.org or 419.963.3415) or any member of the Cory-Rawson Board of Education:

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Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.</p>

LEVEL 1-4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS

Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on CDC guidance. High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct a daily health/symptom self-evaluation and stay at home if symptomatic.** Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members. Wear face coverings in public, especially when social distancing is difficult to maintain. Increase caution when interacting with others not practicing social distancing or wearing face covers. Avoid traveling to high-risk areas. Follow good hygiene standards, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use hand sanitizer frequently. Avoid touching your face. Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow). Symptom self-evaluation monitoring. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same guidelines as in Level 1. Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk. High-risk individuals* should take extra care to follow precautions. Decrease in-person interactions outside household. Seek medical care as needed, but limit or avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same guidelines as in Levels 1-2. Decrease in-person interactions with others. Consider necessary travel only. Limit attending gatherings of any number. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Same guidelines as in Level 1-3. Stay at home/necessary travel only.

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