



# BATH LOCAL SCHOOLS

## Fall 2021 Opening Plans



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Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we near the beginning of another school year, we wanted to share some important information regarding the status of our opening plans. These plans come after reviewing the Centers for Disease Control's recommendations/mandates for school openings, the Governor's office press release, the Ohio Department of Health's guidance on school openings as well as our meetings with the Allen County Health Department.

First, as announced last spring, we will only provide in-person instruction this school year. Also, there will not be scheduled school delays on Friday's similar to what we did last school year. Second, the protocols listed in this letter remain flexible and will be responsive to health orders/mandates as well as our local transmission rates as related to Allen County and our school district.

As of today, the following protocols are in place for this school year:

- Staff and students are to self-monitor their health symptoms. Anyone with the following symptoms should stay home: Temperature over 100 degrees, shortness of breath/difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea/vomiting or diarrhea. These do not need to be documented but are expected to be done daily.
- There will be daily cleaning and disinfecting of rooms in each building.
- We will continue to promote handwashing and good hygiene practices.
- Hand sanitizer will be available in each building in high traffic areas.
- There will be daily disinfecting of buses.
- Seating charts will be kept for buses and classrooms.
- Water-fill stations will be operable for water bottles in the buildings again as drinking fountains will not be available.
- Attempted physical distancing of 3 feet or more throughout the day.
- Contact-tracing and reporting of positive cases will continue per ODH guidelines. Our school nurses will once again work with the health department in determining situations for isolation and/or quarantine.
- Masks are recommended but not required on our campus. However, per the CDC mandate for masks on public transportation, they will be required on school buses for everyone, regardless of being vaccinated or not.
- Covid-19 vaccines are not required for any staff member or student to attend school.

We will continue to collaborate and coordinate information with the Allen County Health Department on a frequent basis. These are the protocols that are set in place as of the printing of this letter. When changes are made to these protocols, we will look to send updates through OneView as well as publish on our website. Finally, we will again provide training for staff and students on our procedures and expectations at the beginning of the school year in order to assure the health and safety of our students and staff are being met.

We look forward to seeing our students later this month! Enjoy the remainder of the summer and we will see everyone at Orientation/Open House on August 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

Rich Dackin  
Superintendent