



# UPDATED COVID-19 GUIDELINES

## NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS

(JANUARY 2021)

Northridge Local Schools, in accordance with recent recommendations made by the Ohio Department of Health and Public Health Dayton-Montgomery County, will be amending its quarantine procedures for students and staff for the remainder of the 2020-2021 academic year as follows:

STUDENTS AND STAFF EXPOSED TO A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE IN AN INSTRUCTIONAL SETTING OR ON SCHOOL-PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION **WILL NOT** BE QUARANTINED PROVIDED ALL PARTIES WERE WEARING MASKS, WHICH IS REQUIRED ON SCHOOL GROUNDS AT ALL TIMES. NORTHRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS **WILL** SEND A LOW-RISK LETTER NOTIFICATION VIA THE ONE CALL SYSTEM TO ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF WHO HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH A POSITIVE COVID-19 CASE.

ANY STAFF OR STUDENT NOTIFIED AS BEING A CLOSE CONTACT SHOULD STILL MONITOR FOR SYMPTOMS FOR 14 DAYS AFTER THE DAY OF NOTIFICATION AND COMMUNICATE WITH BOTH SCHOOL AND THEIR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER SHOULD SYMPTOMS DEVELOP.

\* This change in quarantine procedures **DOES NOT** apply to **extra-curricular activities or athletics**. All close contact exposures outside of instructional settings or school transportation will follow previously established quarantine protocols - 10 - 14 days depending on the circumstances.

\* **ILLNESS /SYMPTOMS - ALL STAFF AND STUDENTS WHO DISPLAY POSSIBLE COVID-19 SYMPTOMS SHOULD NOT COME TO SCHOOL.** Sick/symptomatic staff and students should report symptoms to the school clinic and health care provider and work remotely when possible until a determination is made regarding symptoms (negative test or symptoms subside).

\* **MASKS** - Masks are to be worn by **ALL** persons at **ALL** times on school grounds. The only exceptions are staff working alone in their designated work area, school lunch and organized, socially distanced mask breaks **OUTSIDE**. **FAMILIES ARE REQUIRED TO SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WITH A MASK DAILY.** Students who come without masks will be documented and given a mask - they are located on buses, in classrooms and in the clinic. Students who come to school without masks will be referred to administration, and families will be reminded of this requirement. **FAILURE TO COMPLY MAY RESULT IN STUDENTS BEING PLACED IN REMOTE INSTRUCTION.**

\* **SOCIAL DISTANCING** - Northridge Local Schools is committed to maintaining **6FEET** of social distancing in EVERY setting - instructional and lunch - at school whenever possible. There may be instructional settings where distancing is between 3 - 6 FEET as allowed by ODH. However, it is important to note that new guidelines state that distance is a limited consideration when determining a close contact in the classroom setting when masks are worn by all parties.

\* **SANITATION** - All sanitation protocols remain in place, including regular cleaning by custodial staff and outside entities, maintaining sanitizing stations throughout the building, sanitizing school transportation after all routes and quickly providing targeted sanitation when required due to positive Covid-19 cases.

\* **SCHOOL LUNCH** - School lunch will be socially distanced at 6 FEET and timed to 15 minutes to ensure student safety. SEATING CHARTS will be required for lunch. Masks must be worn when not eating.

\* **RECESS** - Recess will be organized and separated by classroom to ensure that any exposure risk is limited to individual classrooms. Individual classrooms may use this time for socially distanced mask breaks.

\* **PHYSICAL EDUCATION** - All students will be required to wear a mask during PE. All students will be required to sanitize hands before entering and exiting. All equipment will be sanitized during class as allowed and between every class. No close contact activities will be allowed.

\* **HALLWAY MOVEMENT** - Social distancing will be used when possible. However, the prevailing philosophy with hallway movement will be to move from one socially distanced environment to another as orderly and quickly as possible.

\* **TRANSPORTATION** - Social distancing (3 - 6 FEET) will be used as space allows. Students living in the same household will be seated together. Masks will be worn at all times. Bus aides will help monitor student compliance. **WE WILL NOT BE CONDUCTING STUDENT SYMPTOMS CHECKS AT BUSES.**

\* **RESTROOM BREAKS** - Restroom usage will be determined by grade level staff and administration to allow for maximum social distancing.