



## KALIDA LOCAL SCHOOLS Back to School Information Reopening Plan

August 14, 2020

Kalida Local Schools, with the input and support of the Putnam County Health Department and in collaboration with neighboring school districts, has established guidelines for reopening school on August 24. This reopening plan has been devised from guidelines set forth in the Ohio Department of Education's ***Reset and Restart Education***, Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts.

We will continue to develop and revise our plan as necessary. This reopening plan was approved by the Kalida Board of Education. The following information is not all inclusive and is subject to change:

### HEALTH CHECKS & SYMPTOMS

A morning health check must be administered prior to coming to school. All staff and students should monitor symptoms and take their temperature at home before coming to school. If someone's temperature is 100 degrees or more, that person must stay home. If any of the following symptoms are evident (which are not a normal part of the student's prior health history, such as asthma, allergies, etc.) a call to parents will be made and the student may need to go home.

- Fever or chills   ■ Cough   ■ Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing   ■ Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches   ■ Headache   ■ Loss of taste or smell   ■ Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose   ■ Nausea or vomiting   ■ Diarrhea

### TRANSPORTATION

Providing safe busing for our students and drivers is a major concern. All students and drivers must wear face coverings on the bus. Hand sanitizer will be available as students enter and exit the bus. If you are able to transport your child to and from school, we are asking that you please do so. This will free up seating for those who depend on our transportation and will help us implement the social distancing requirement on our buses. Please attempt to drop students off at the elementary after 7:40 am, if possible. **If you are able to transport your child, please call us at 419-532-3534 or email us at [ka\\_supt@kalidaschools.org](mailto:ka_supt@kalidaschools.org) by August 19.** I will need to know each child's name and the bus they normally ride.

### FACE COVERINGS

We will require all staff and students (K-12) to wear a face covering. There will be times throughout the day when these coverings can safely be removed for mask breaks. Parents will need to provide each student with his/her appropriate face coverings. It is suggested to have multiple masks to allow for frequent washing. Younger students are encouraged to practice wearing masks for extended periods of time prior to the first day of school.

### WATER BOTTLES

Please send a water bottle with your child. The water bottles can be refilled at school. Drinking fountains may be used and will be cleaned frequently throughout the day, but individual water bottles are encouraged.

**SANITATION/SANITIZING WIPES**

For many grade levels, we have always listed sanitizing wipes as an item on our school supplies list, but it is becoming increasingly more difficult to find them. If you cannot have them before school starts, just send them in when you can. Touchless sanitizing dispensers will be located throughout the buildings and each room will have hand sanitizer. Frequent hand washing will be practiced. High traffic contact areas will be cleaned a minimum of every two hours. In rooms where students change classes, desk tops and chairs will be sanitized between classes.

**CLASSROOM OCCUPANCY**

We assure you that safety protocols are in place, but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. We will reduce the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning and safety procedures. Proper 6' social distancing will be practiced in classrooms and in common areas, when possible. Everyone is encouraged to sanitize their hands frequently.

**FOOD SERVICES**

Both buildings will offer food service. Floor markings will be used for social distancing. Prepackaged eating utensils and condiments will be used. Serving trays will be prepared and handed to students by the cafeteria staff. The cashier will enter student PIN numbers. Reduced seating per table and assigned seating will be utilized. Hand sanitizer stations will be available to students as they enter and exit the cafeteria. Tables will be sanitized between lunch periods and after each use.

**RELEASE TIME/LATCHKEY**

It is our intention to offer release time and we have been collaborating with our partners to be consistent in our safety guidelines. Afternoon latchkey services will also be offered.

**VISITORS AND VOLUNTEERS**

Visitors are discouraged from being in our buildings during the school day. Safety precautions will be implemented for all necessary visitors. We will not be utilizing volunteers until mid-September at the earliest.

**REMOTE LEARNING**

We will not be offering direct instruction remote learning options for students unless the district goes to a district-wide or building-wide online instructional delivery method. If your child has a health issue that may prevent him or her from being in our building for an extended period of time, please contact the Elementary School or High School to discuss options. A remote learning plan will be submitted to ODE prior to school starting. It will contain information on a) How the instruction will take place, b) How instructional needs will be determined and documented, c) What methods will be used to determine competency, d) What are the attendance and participation requirement for students, e) How will the school monitor student progress, f) the school's plan to ensure equitable access to quality instruction, and g) what professional development will be offered to teachers for remote learning. The remote instructional plan will be introduced to students and families as soon as possible in case the remote format is necessary. Expect more information in the near future.

All questions and concerns may be directed to Karl Lammers, Superintendent, Kalida Local Schools at 419-532-3534 or email at [ka\\_supt@kalidaschools.org](mailto:ka_supt@kalidaschools.org)