

## Update, July 6, 2020

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### 2020-2021 School Year

We are very excited that we will be able to have traditional face to face instruction with our student in our physical buildings on Wednesday, August 26. Governor DeWine, during his press conference on Thursday, July 2 provided COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 schools to provide a framework for Ohio school districts to reopen our buildings while also helping our students and staff reduce the risk of exposure and prevent the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. The framework is based on guidance and best practices for:

#### 1) **Assessing symptoms.**

- Ridgewood Local School District staff and students will be expected to complete a wellness check which includes symptoms and temperature prior to attending our school's property. Staff and students who have a temperature over 100 degrees or COVID-19 symptoms will be required to stay home.

#### 2) **Increased Sanitation.**

- Ridgewood Local School District will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible. Deep Cleaning and disinfecting will take place during and after the school day.
- Ridgewood Local School Buildings will have hand sanitation stations located at entrances of our school buildings as well as classrooms.

#### 3) **Social Distancing.**

- Student entering the school building in the morning will be going directly to their homeroom/1<sup>st</sup> period class. Students will eat breakfast in their classroom and/or socially distanced cafeteria.
- Teachers will move from class to class when possible.
- Student meals will be eaten in the classroom and/or socially distanced cafeteria.

#### 4) **Face Coverings/Mask.**

- Ridgewood Local School District staff will be wearing face coverings.
- Governor DeWine guidelines recommend students in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and higher wear a face mask unless they are unable to do so for a health or developmental reason.
- Ridgewood Local School District will be working on guidelines for student face coverings/mask. ***We have yet to determine*** when and where students will need to wear a mask.

We have been working on our own Re-Opening Guidelines and General Principles for the past month. We have provided a few details under each framework above. We will now utilize Governor DeWine's COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Ohio K-12 Schools as well as the Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the public to finalize our Reopening Guidelines and General Principles. We are hoping to have this available within the next 10 days. We will post it on the website and app.

We are aware that some parents and guardians might not feel comfortable sending their child back to a regular schedule school day for a variety of reasons. We will work with you and your child to provide remote learning. If you are thinking about remote learning, homeschooling or enrolling in an online school, please contact me at [mike.masloski@ridgewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:mike.masloski@ridgewood.k12.oh.us) or by phone at 740-545-7639.

## Skills Training for HS Athletes

Per guidance from the Coshocton County Health Department any student that travels out of state will have to refrain from school activities for a two week period after returning home. Lt. Governor Husted announced on June 18 new "Responsible ReStart" for contact sport practices and non-contact sport competitions. Click here for pdf. Contact sports may now have intra-team scrimmages. Competitive games and tournaments are permitted for non-contact sports only such as baseball and softball. Under the leadership of our Athletic Director, Matt Colvin, our coaches and student-athletes have done a tremendous job following the Responsible Restart Ohio guidelines. Contact sports will begin the new guidelines starting Monday, June 29.

## Summer Band/Musical

Mr. Lindig has been in contact with the marching band students through the BAND app and also through email. Students should have received a summer schedule in their school email. Please contact Mr. Lindig at [john.lindig@ridgewood.k12.oh.us](mailto:john.lindig@ridgewood.k12.oh.us) if your child did not receive a calendar and was planning to be in the marching band. If your child received a calendar and is not planning to do marching band please let Mr. Lindig know that as soon as possible through his email. We are working hard to keep our band students safe and give them a rewarding experience.

Ms. Collins and Ms. Evans will have the following announcement: Until Governor Dewine provides guidelines for having an audience inside for theatrical and sports events, it seems premature for us to begin practice and set performance dates for this summer. There will be a google form coming concerning what you want to about t-shirts (if you still want them or if you want a refund). 2020 *Mamma Mia* cast, please note, we haven't given up on a chance to go to Donna's taverna! We are not yet conceding that the show will not happen sometime in 2020 so keep track of your rehearsal materials and costumes!

## RES Playground/RMS Outdoor Basketball Courts

Our elementary playground is open. If you plan on using our playground you must follow the guidelines for Responsible Restart Ohio Consumer, Retail, Services and Entertainment. *Click her to view them.* We are going to keep the outdoor basketball courts closed at this time. Sorry for any inconvenience.

## MVHC Onsite Clinic

Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC) has partnered with Ridgewood Local School District to provide a School-Based Health Center located on the campus of Ridgewood Local Schools to provide complete healthcare and behavioral health services to students during school hours. The School-Based Health Center will also provide care to the community after school hours by appointment. The School-Based Health Center will operate Monday-Friday and is scheduled to open this August.

Muskingum Valley Health Centers (MVHC) offers a School Health Program centered on providing comprehensive primary care services including pediatric, adolescent, and behavioral health care to students. This community-based model of care is designed to provide affordable, age-appropriate, confidential, convenient care to students. MVHC medical staff and providers will treat illness, as well as providing preventative care and well-child services.

## **Ridgewood Local Schools New Athletic Complex**

Ridgewood Local School District's new athletic complex is near complete. The new athletic complex will consist of locker room, weight room/fitness center, multipurpose center and a meeting room. We would like to thank our general contractor Hathaway Inc. for a tremendous job. We are very proud that every single contractor on this job was local that lives and works in the community. The following are the local contractors that contribute to the building project: Phillip A. Wagner-plumbing, Johnson's Plumbing and Heating-HVAC, William Albert Excavating, Specialty Roofing, Bice Masonry, Fisher's Painting, J & R Door, Hischer-Clark-electrical. Building materials and supplies were purchased through Coshocton Lumber and Baird Concrete. Finally we would like to thank our Board of Education as well as The Block R Foundation for their financial support of this project. We are looking forward to having an open house in the future.

The Block R Foundation is currently installing flooring for the weightroom and lockers in the lockerroom. The Block R Foundations will be pouring exterior concrete in July for the outside of the building. We would like to thank the Block R Foundation for all their financial support for this project.

## **Building Hours and Restrictions**

We are restricting visitors to all buildings at this time. If you need anything, please call your child's school building or central office. If no one answers, please leave a voicemail.

Ridgewood Elementary School	740-545-5312
Ridgewood Middle School	740-545-6335
Ridgewood High School	740-545-6345
Ridgewood Local Schools	740-545-7639

## **Calendar of Events**

- RHS Prom: Cancelled
- RHS Musical: TBD
- Students first day for '20-'21 school year August 26
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade DC trip: Spring 2021
- RHS NY City trip: Spring 2021

Everything is subject to change. We will reassess the calendar of events weekly.