

# **Martins Ferry City School District**

## **Safe Return to In-Person Instruction and Continuity of Service Plan**

In compliance with American Rescue Plan:  
Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ARP ESSER)

### **Mitigation Strategies**

The Martins Ferry City School District (MFCSD) will follow Belmont County Health Department's guidelines and to the fullest extent practicable recommendations in order to maintain the health and safety of students, educators, and staff. While these guidelines are evolving, the MFCSD will continue to adopt and incorporate mitigation strategies recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health.

#### **Mask Wearing**

In alignment with Ohio's most recent health orders, facial coverings will be optional in any indoor or outdoor areas on our campus.

Anyone wishing to wear a mask is welcome to do so. Unvaccinated persons are encouraged to wear a facial covering while indoors.

#### **Physical Distancing**

In alignment with Ohio's most recent health orders, Martins Ferry City Schools will keep intentional distance between and among students during school hours to the fullest extent possible.

#### **Hand Washing and Respiratory Etiquette**

Handwashing will be emphasized throughout the school day. Hand sanitizer dispensers are placed throughout the buildings. Cough and sneeze etiquette will be taught and recommended.

#### **Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities, Including Improving Ventilation**

The district will continue to follow guidelines for cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities as recommended. A focus will be placed on high touch and traffic areas. HVAC systems are inspected and cleaned routinely. We will maintain a frequent schedule of air filter changes for the HVAC systems located in each building.

#### **Contact Tracing, Isolation and Quarantine**

Contact tracing will occur based upon Belmont County Health Department guidance for all highly infectious diseases. Our district nurses have been trained in this process. Any staff member or student who has been fully vaccinated does not have to quarantine if exposed to COVID-19 if they are symptom free.

## **Diagnostic Screening and Testing**

The districts will utilize test kits for COVID concerns in order to keep students safely in school as much as possible. Our district nurses have been trained in this process.

## **Efforts to Provide Vaccinations to Staff and Students**

The district will continue to coordinate with the Belmont County Health Department to provide vaccination opportunities for our students and staff.

## **Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

Accommodations for students with disabilities with respect to health and safety are outlined in the student's individual education plan (IEP) and in district policy.

## **Continuity of Services**

The Martins Ferry City School District began a plan to provide a continuity of services upon the return to in-person instruction in 2020. We continue to take actions to address the academic needs of our students, as well as the social, emotional and mental health needs of both our students and staff. The District Leadership Team will review this plan in November, January and May of each year.

The district collects student academic data using a number of resources. These include, but are not limited to state assessments, STAR assessments, student data folders, and local assessments created by teachers. Teacher Based Teams (TBTs) and Building Level Teams (BLTs) analyze data to determine student deficiencies and develop remediation plans that include research-based interventions. Teachers and administrators monitor student data and make curricular adjustments as necessary. TBTs, BLTs and the DLT continue to follow the Plan, Do, Study, Adjust motto.

The district will assure that all curricular materials have online components.

Parents will continue to have access to Progress Book so that they can monitor their students grades and attendance.

The district will continue to provide Chromebooks for all students in grades K-12. LTE enabled Chromebooks will continue to be provided for students who reside in remote areas where internet is not available. The district provides wifi/internet access for students living in remote areas, economically disadvantaged students, and students with disabilities.

The District will increase mental health trainings and programs for both staff and students.

The district will continue to contract with the Belmont County Student Services to provide information to parents on a variety of mental health topics.

The district will continue practices that support teacher understanding and warning signs and facilitate communication with principals and counselors.

The district will continue practices that connect school counselors with students and families in need, and with community partners as warranted.

The cafeteria will provide all lunches in covered containers.

The cafeteria will utilize [myschoolbucks.com](https://myschoolbucks.com) in lieu of cash.

Student identification has been modified in the cafeteria. Pin pads are no longer used. Daily documentation of students who will be buying lunch is now done by teachers using Google Sheets.

After collecting all lunch applications at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year, Martins Ferry students in grades K-12 will receive free breakfast and lunch for the remainder of the school year. This will be provided through the Seamless Summer Option which is sponsored by the USDA.