



2021-22 Safe Restart Plan

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The following COVID guidelines and safety mitigations will be in place as we begin the 2021-22 school year at the Dayton Regional STEM School. Our goal is to protect physical health while also providing an in-person educational experience that is robust, engaging and enriching. **These protocols will be updated as necessary based on data and guidance from state and local officials.**

Continuity of Service

The Dayton Regional STEM School plans to continue with in-person learning for the 2021-2022 school year. During this time, the district will provide all services, including health and food services, to all attending students. The district staff will monitor students to determine their social and emotional health and offer services where needed. All appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities will be provided during this time. The district will periodically administer diagnostic assessments to determine where there is a loss of education due to hardships of the pandemic and address this loss, as needed.

Daily Expectations of Students and Parents

- Perform a wellness check before arriving at school each day.
- Alert teachers/staff of any changes in a student's wellness or symptoms.
- Do not report to school and notify the office if you are sick or experiencing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Wash and sanitize hands regularly throughout the school day.
- Bring a reusable water bottle to be refilled at bottle filling stations throughout the day.

Protective Measures

The Dayton Regional STEM School has taken great measures to ensure the safety of our students and staff against the spread of COVID-19. This includes, social distancing when possible, enhanced sanitation practices using GERMSTOP and other resources, routines for sanitizing and washing hands, etc.

Face Coverings and Vaccines

The Dayton Regional STEM School strongly encourages that staff and students consider being vaccinated before beginning the 2021-22 school year. We realize that vaccination is a personal decision for each individual and will NOT mandate vaccination for students and staff.

The Dayton Regional STEM School also recognizes that face masks have been shown to be effective at reducing the spread of the coronavirus. In light of this, we encourage all staff and students to wear face masks while on our campus when social distancing (3 ft or greater) is not possible, and agree with the CDC guidance that unvaccinated individuals are at greater risk and should wear a face mask whenever possible. The Dayton Regional STEM School also understands that masking is NOT mandatory at this time. In the absence of an Ohio Department of Health mandate for universal masking, currently, we will not require universal masking while on the Dayton Regional STEM School campus.

At any point in the school year, administration may implement required masking either school-wide or by grade level. This information will be communicated with families via email and emergency notification channels.

There may also be situations and activities (large group assemblies, special events) in which there are potential increased risks and the administration will request that all students use a mask. Please encourage students to bring a mask to school daily so that they are prepared for any situations that may warrant a recommendation for mask use.

Please keep in mind that in light of the recent quarantine guidance from the Ohio Department of Health, mask use while on the school property will reduce the need for quarantining for those that are unvaccinated.

If a parent wishes their child to wear a mask while attending school, the parent needs to communicate that expectation to their child. Staff will not be responsible for monitoring mask use by the students.

In accordance with federal regulations, all students and staff will be required to wear a face mask when riding on school buses.

Visitors and Volunteers

Visitors and volunteers will follow the same safety protocols required of our staff and students. In certain situations, we may conduct temperature checks, require face coverings, and utilize health questionnaires with our visitors and volunteers.

Illnesses

- Any student with a fever over 100.0 F should stay home.
- Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and see their primary care provider to be assessed for COVID-19:
 - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, new loss of taste or smell
 - Two of the following: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle soreness, headache, sore throat, GI issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea)
 - Any of the following: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, muscle soreness, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea) AND exposure to a case of COVID-19

- If a student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, please report it to the school immediately. The school, in conjunction with the local health department, will administer contact tracing to identify any students or staff who may have been exposed to the virus.

Returning to School After Illness

- If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
 - 24 hours with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) AND
 - Other symptoms improved/gone AND
 - 10 days since symptoms first appeared
- Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has COVID-19 may return to school after they are fever free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.
- Students who have chronic conditions that mirror COVID-19 symptoms may provide medical documentation in support of that condition. However, if a fever is present with any of the symptoms listed above, the previous protocols will be followed.
- Any other illnesses should be handled in a routine manner according to district procedures.

Contact Tracing & Quarantine Procedures

- School officials will report new cases of COVID-19 to the local health department as soon as they are discovered. Teachers, staff and families of students who were close contacts will be notified by school officials as soon as possible after someone in the school has tested positive.
- [Click here to view the Ohio Department of Education's Quarantine Guidelines, updated 8/10/21.](#)

Contact Information

- Front Office / Attendance: 937-256-3777 or attendance@daytonstemschool.org
- Clinic: 937-256-3777 or
 - Health Services Coordinator - natasha.day@daytonstemschool.org
 - Nurse - brenda.newton@daytonstemschool.org