



# Education Alternatives Reopening Guidelines Fall 2020



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# Resources

**This is a living document** and may change as more information becomes available and by site. EA is integrating all guidance from state and local health departments, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Ohio Department of Education. For information about the COVID-19 virus or additional guidance to keep your family safe and healthy, we recommend the following resources:

## **For general information on COVID-19:**

Centers for Disease Control at [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://cdc.gov/coronavirus)

## **For specific information on COVID-19 in Ohio:**

Ohio Department of Health at [ohio.coronavirus.gov](https://ohio.coronavirus.gov)

## **For information on Ohio School Guidelines:**

Ohio Department of Education at [education.ohio.gov](https://education.ohio.gov)

## **For information on Education Alternatives:**

[easchools.org/safe-reopening](https://easchools.org/safe-reopening)

## **For information on your specific campus:**

Contact your Building Director





# Re-Opening

EA School Campuses plan to open

**August 31, 2020**

for in-person instruction 4 days a week with Wednesday closures for cleaning and distance learning.

For student safety, schools will follow the **5-pronged strategy** recommended by the Ohio Department of Education.



Symptom Checks



Hand Washing



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Face Coverings



Social Distancing



# 5 Strategies

What this means for your child will vary according to their age and individual needs. If you would like to discuss these specifics, contact your Building Director.

1. **Face coverings.** All EA employees and students are required to wear a mask.
2. **Social distancing** will be practiced.
3. **Best hygiene practices will be required** including frequent hand washing and use of hand sanitizer that will be provided throughout the school buildings.
4. **Temperatures** for both staff and students will be taken daily, upon entering the school buildings.
5. **Building sanitation** will be practiced frequently. Students will distance learn on Wednesdays to allow for deep cleaning.







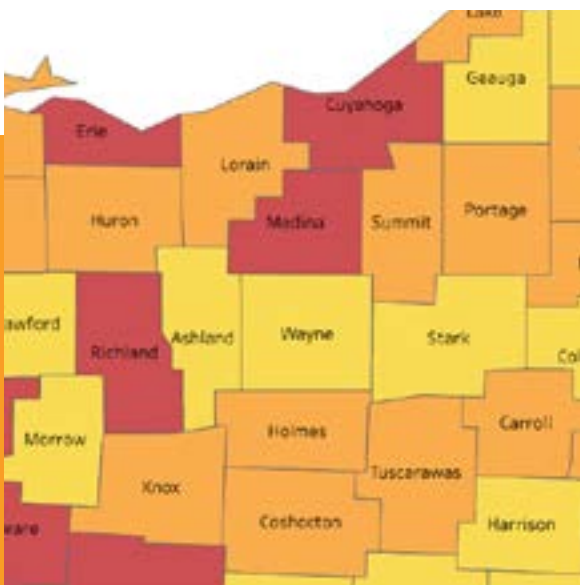
# Responsive Tiers

The Ohio Department of Health assesses counties daily on a combination of factors that measure virus spread. Each county receives a level 1-4. EA will assess these factors and make any specific campus recommendations weekly on Thursday.

## Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public

LEVEL 1	LEVEL 2	LEVEL 3	LEVEL 4
<b>Public Emergency</b> Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

**LEVEL 1-4 REQUIRE COMPLIANCE WITH ALL HEALTH ORDERS**





# Symptom Checks



1. **Temperature checks.** Parents should plan to check students' temperatures in the morning before school. Students' temperatures will be checked again before riding on school transportation and before entering the school building. Students with temperatures over 100° F will need to stay home until their fever resolves.
2. **Symptom checks.** Parents should monitor students daily for symptoms including dry cough, sore throat, fever, headache, or stomach issues. Students who are not feeling well, regardless of fever, should plan to stay home until they are feeling better.
3. **14-day quarantine.** Students will need to complete a 14-day quarantine at home with distance learning in the following situations:
  - a. The student or anyone who lives in their home tests positive for COVID-19.
  - b. They have a known exposure to COVID-19.
  - c. A student or staff member in their classroom tests positive for COVID-19.
4. **In-school quarantine.** A quarantine area will be designated for students that are showing symptoms at any EA location until arrangements can be made to send them home.
5. **Staff.** EA will monitor staff for symptoms and communicate any positive tests at our facilities with state and local health departments.





# Hand Washing



1. **Proper handwashing.** Students and staff will wash hands thoroughly with soap and water for 20 seconds at regular intervals during the day.
2. **Handwashing or sanitizing with alcohol-based sanitizer is required**
  - a. On transportation.
  - b. Before entering the building
  - c. Before eating
  - d. After using the restroom
  - e. After coughing, sneezing, or using a tissue.
  - f. After touching high-touch communal surfaces such as light switches and door knobs.
  - g. After any time spent in a public space.
  - h. Before or after touching one's face.
3. **Handwashing breaks.** Staff will give students frequent breaks with enough time for thorough handwashing. Staff may supervise and assist in proper handwashing practices.
4. **Do not share items.** Staff and students will take care to use only their own school supplies and other personal items. If sharing is needed, such as with bathroom sinks or other common areas, students will take additional care to keep areas clean and sanitize their own hands after using them.





# Daily Cleaning



1. **Routine cleaning.** EA facilities and vehicles will be cleaned every day with extra attention to common and high-touch areas and surfaces.
2. **Appropriate products.** Maintenance staff will clean using products recommended for safety and effectiveness by the Centers for Disease Control as well as state and local health departments. These products will be kept in supply for staff use as needed during the day.
3. **Deep cleaning.** Campuses will close on Wednesdays for deep cleaning. Students will participate in distance learning on days when campus is closed.
4. **Common areas.** Common areas like cafeterias and libraries will be closed to students and staff to minimize the number of high-touch surfaces at each site.







# Social Distancing



- 1. 6 feet apart.** Students and staff will maintain 6 or more feet of distance from one another during all activities, instruction, and breaks.
- 2. Supplies stay at school.** All school supplies - pens, paper, notebooks, Chromebooks, etc. - will remain within the classroom at the end of the day. No supplies will travel between home and school.
- 3. Break times.** Breaks will be scheduled and staggered to allow students to continue to practice social distancing. While common areas will be closed, staff and students are encouraged to use outdoor spaces when weather permits.
- 4. Lunch in classrooms.** Student lunches will be delivered to their classrooms and students will eat in classrooms.
- 5. Transportation.** School transportation will use the largest vehicles possible and prioritize direct routes to give students appropriate distance while traveling to school.
- 6. Cohort model.** Students and staff will remain with their assigned class and will not travel between classrooms during the school day.
- 7. Single entrance and exit.** Each building will use a single entrance and exit door. Other doors will be closed and opened only in an emergency.
- 8. Class size.** EA classes will have a maximum of 12 students per class.





# Face Coverings



1. **EA masks.** Students and staff will receive one EA-branded cloth mask on the first day of school.
2. **Masks are required.** An opaque mask that covers the mouth and nose is required on EA transportation and in EA buildings. Students and staff will need to wear a mask to attend in-person school.
3. **Medical exceptions.** Students and staff who are unable to wear masks will need to document the reason for the exception. All exceptions will be noted in the student file.





# Additional Details for Learning and Discipline

- 1. Enrichment activities.** All after-school activities, field trips, and other enrichment activities will be canceled, including job site visits for VisionQuest.
- 2. Night school.** Whenever possible, night school will be discontinued and combined with the ECHO program during the school day.
- 3. Disciplinary issues.** Students who do not abide by the above safety measures, or have other disciplinary issues, may be placed on distance learning, at the discretion of EA staff.



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