

TRUMBULL COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Policy

Section 8.40

FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL SAFE REOPENING

PURPOSE:

This policy outlines the procedures Fairhaven School employees, Transportation employees, students, and parents will be required to follow in order to ensure the Fairhaven School operates safely to protect the health and well-being of employees, students and families served receiving educational services, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic

POLICY:

Fairhaven School and Transportation Employees

All employees must take their temperatures before coming to work in the morning. The employee must have a temperature below 100.4 and have no other symptoms of illness (respiratory symptoms, sore throat, nausea/vomiting, intense headache) before reporting to work. Anyone with above symptoms is asked to take a sick day and report off from work following the appropriate procedures. An employee may be asked to provide a doctor's excuse or release to return to work based on the symptoms noted. If an employee is unsure about calling off, the employee should contact their supervisor prior to reporting to work and/or entering any Board location.

All employees will need to follow the health assessment procedures regarding building entrance (have temperature taken and wear a mask) using the assigned entrance way. Employees will be asked to use hand sanitizer once entering the building and to follow the traffic flow pattern. Employees are required to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet while a colleague is going through the health assessment. **DO NOT** enter the building prior to receiving a health assessment. **THIS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH EMPLOYEE.**

All employees must wear a face mask that covers both mouth and nose in hallways, common areas, and classrooms where other employees or students are present.

All employees must frequently wash their hands during the school day following the standard handwashing protocol. Hands should be washed after contact with a student and before touching another student. Gloves and face shields or goggles should be worn during changing and feeding of children. Gloves should be changed and hands washed between each child.

Social distancing (six feet apart) should be maintained whenever possible.

Every effort should be taken to maintain 10 or fewer persons in each classroom.

All therapists entering classrooms should at a minimum wear a mask. If there is a possibility for contamination with saliva or other bodily fluids then additional personal protective equipment (PPE) should be worn. This includes face shields or goggles, cloth or disposable gown, and gloves in addition to the mask. Since each therapist may deal with different levels of exposure, PPE can be worn to minimize risk of exposure. Each therapist must wash hands per protocol after any contact with a student and keep clear records of children seen on a daily basis in case there is a need for contact tracing.

Pursuant to Ohio Department of Health guidelines, employees should notify their immediate supervisor if they have been exposed to COVID-19 or if they, or any members of their households, have been diagnosed with or presumed to have COVID-19. The employee must also notify their immediate supervisor if they are quarantined. Any employee with a known exposure to someone with diagnosed or presumed COVID-19 must self-quarantine at home for 14 days. Employees who travel to a location with known community spread may choose to self-quarantine at home for 14 days.

School employees who become sick during the school day will need to request for a nurse to complete an assessment on them in the classroom. If fever or other COVID -19 symptoms are present, the employee will be sent home immediately and will be unable to return to work until they have two negative COVID -19 tests and are released by their physician.

Fairhaven Students and Families

All children will have their temperature taken by a transportation employee before getting on the school bus. Parents will be asked to stay with the child at the bus stop while the temperature is being taken. If the student is parent transported, their temperature will be taken before entering the school building. Parents may be asked to stay outside of the building and may have their temperature taken before being admitted into the building. Parents must wear a mask to enter the building. Admission to the building may be at the discretion of the Principal.

At the bus stop, while loading, if a bus driver or assistant observes fever or respiratory symptoms of a child or family member, they will contact nursing or their supervisor, and transportation may be refused based on symptoms. Any child that gets sick at school will have to be picked up by their parent or designated adult. Transportation will not be provided to sick children.

Fairhaven School wants to prevent the spread of any illnesses and is concerned about the health and well-being of all of our students. Any student that is not feeling well prior to coming to school, is asked to remain home for the day and be monitored. The school and transportation office should be notified of absence. If fever or respiratory symptoms develop, the family should contact their healthcare provider. Families must be aware that according to the CDC, children with COVID-19 generally have mild, cold-like

symptoms, such as fever, runny nose, and cough. Vomiting and diarrhea have also been reported in some children.

If the student or any family member, tests positive for COVID-19, all family members of the household should remain quarantined. The school office should be notified by the parent, and the student will only be allowed to return when released from the Trumbull County Combined Health District or the Warren City Health Department (whichever jurisdiction is applicable), or a doctor's release. TCBDD and the Fairhaven School will follow all directives issued by the Trumbull County Health Department regarding a positive COVID-19 test.

If at any time during the school day, a student develops a fever of 100.4 or greater or shows other known symptoms of COVID-19, parents/guardians will be notified immediately. The child will have a mask placed on them, if tolerated, and taken to a designated isolation room away from other students and monitored by an employee wearing appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) and maintaining physical distance when possible. The parent/guardian will be asked to pick up their child immediately. Parents will be required to follow the building entrance policy including having their temperature taken prior to entering the building and wearing a mask at all times while in the building. If a parent cannot pick up their child immediately, depending on the severity of the symptoms, emergency transportation services may be utilized to transport the student to local emergency room.

In order for the student to return to school, he/she must be taken to the doctor and have a negative COVID-19 test and a release to return to school by their doctor. Transportation is unable to accept a doctor's release. Therefore, the release must be brought in by the parent or faxed to nursing by the physician's office. If the student is not taken to the doctor, he/she must remain at home for a minimum of 14 days. Educational services will continue to be provided remotely during this time.

State of Ohio Health Advisory

The Public Health Advisory Alert System is a color-coded system designed to supplement existing statewide orders that determines the degree of the virus' spread in order to assist schools and other community businesses to take appropriate action.

The system consists of four levels that provide Ohioans with guidance as to the severity of the problem. The following describes the county alert levels:

- A. Level 1 – Yellow - Indicates there is active exposure and spread throughout the community. Employees must follow all current health orders.
- B. Level 2 – Orange – Indicates there is increased exposure and spread of the virus throughout the community. Employees should exercise a high degree of caution and continue to follow all current health orders.
- C. Level 3 – Red – Indicates there is a very high risk of exposure and spread of the virus throughout the community. Employees should limit the amount of public

activities and follow all current health orders including wearing a mask at all times when in the community.

- D. Level 4 – Purple – Indicates severe risk of exposure and spread of the virus throughout the community. Employees should only leave home for supplies and essential services. Employees must continue to follow all current health orders including wearing a mask at all times when in the community.

Should Trumbull County be designated as a Level 4 (purple) county by the Ohio Department of Health the Fairhaven School and Transportation services will be closed and all educational services will be provided remotely.

In addition, school employees will refer those displaying symptoms of COVID-19 to an appropriate health care professional or testing sites. The local health department will be contacted in the case of positive or suspected COVID-19 cases in a school building. The Trumbull County Board and Fairhaven School will work closely with the Trumbull County Combined Health District to determine appropriate actions to be taken should the school experience high levels of absenteeism due to illnesses or confirmed or suspected cases of COVID-19. Appropriate action may include closing part of the school or the entire school for a period of time in order to thoroughly clean and disinfect all surface areas. Should the school or part of the school be required to close all educational services will be provided remotely.



 Board President



 Superintendent

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References:

Ohio Department of Health
- COVID-19 Health and
Prevention Guidance for
Ohio K-12 Schools

Ohio Department of
Education Reset and
Restart Education
Planning Guide for Ohio
Schools and Districts