



Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year!! Over this summer, we have continued to prepare for a safe return for our staff and students. We will continue to implement many of the mitigating strategies that were utilized last year. The FAQ below was prepared to provide you with information regarding this school year. We look forward to seeing everyone on Wednesday, August 25.

Questions related to instruction for the 2021-2022 school year

1. Will Struthers offer Remote or Hybrid learning this year?

No, this year Struthers will only offer in-person learning. We believe face-to-face instruction by a Struthers City School teacher presents the greatest opportunity for academic success.

2. What are my other learning options for the 2021-2022 school year?

The district will offer Struthers Online Academy as an online option. The curriculum will be a self-paced online option through Edgenuity. Parents should contact the building principal for more information.

3. If my child is quarantined, how will they make-up their school work?

Your child's teacher will provide classroom work and how to access it.

Questions related to facial coverings

1. Why are masks mandated on the school bus?

The Centers of Disease Control has ordered face masks to be worn on all public transportation, including school buses, regardless of vaccination status.

2. What is the incentive to wear a mask in school?

Students who wear a mask to school are less likely to be quarantined if they are a close contact with a COVID-19 positive case. They can remain in the normal in-classroom setting and participate in extracurricular and sports activities as long as they have no symptoms.

3. Why aren't masks required for unvaccinated students and staff?

The Struthers City School District is following the guidelines from the Centers of Disease Control and the Ohio Department of Health, which strongly recommends unvaccinated individuals wear face masks. At this time, there is no mandate from the authorities and we believe this is a parental decision at this point. The superintendent reserves the right to mandate masks at any time based on positive cases and quarantine numbers within the Struthers City Schools.

Questions related to COVID-19, quarantine, safety procedures, etc.

1. How is a COVID-19 positive case determined?

This requires either a medical diagnosis from a physician or a positive PCR test from a lab. Positive cases must be reported to the building principal.

2. Is there a state law that gives health departments legal authority to quarantine students and staff?

Ohio Revised Code 3707.11 gives health departments authority to quarantine or isolate. COVID-19 is defined as a Class A reportable disease for quarantine or isolation.

3. What is the difference between isolation and quarantine?

An individual who is a confirmed case of COVID-19 must go into isolation. An individual who is a close contact of a COVID-19 case goes into a 10-day quarantine.

4. What additional safety procedures are in place this year?

The Struthers City Schools will take temperatures as the students enter the building. We will social distance at three feet, have hand sanitizers in the buildings, have additional daytime cleaning staff, have cleaning wipes in each classroom and increase air flow with our ventilation system. Additionally, we will promote personal hygiene protocols.

5. Will there be enhanced cleaning in the buildings this year?

Yes, the district will continue with enhanced cleaning and disinfection this year. Additionally, we have hired extra daytime cleaning staff at each school building.

6. When does my child need to quarantine?

Please see the Guidelines for Quarantine after Exposure flowchart at the end of this document.

7. My vaccinated child was exposed to COVID-19 in school, does he/she need to quarantine?

According to the Ohio Department of Health, fully vaccinated students do not have to quarantine as long as they do not have any symptoms.

8. When should I keep my child home from school and when can they return?

Any child exhibiting any signs of illness should remain home until they are symptom free for 24 hours.

9. Will the district be able to social distance students?

The CDC recommends three feet of distance between students and we believe this can be achieved most of the time.

10. Where can I get more information about the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Education COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for the 2021-2022 school year?

To view the guidance, please visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>.

Questions related to free lunch

1. Are meals (breakfast/lunch) free during the 2021-2022 school year?

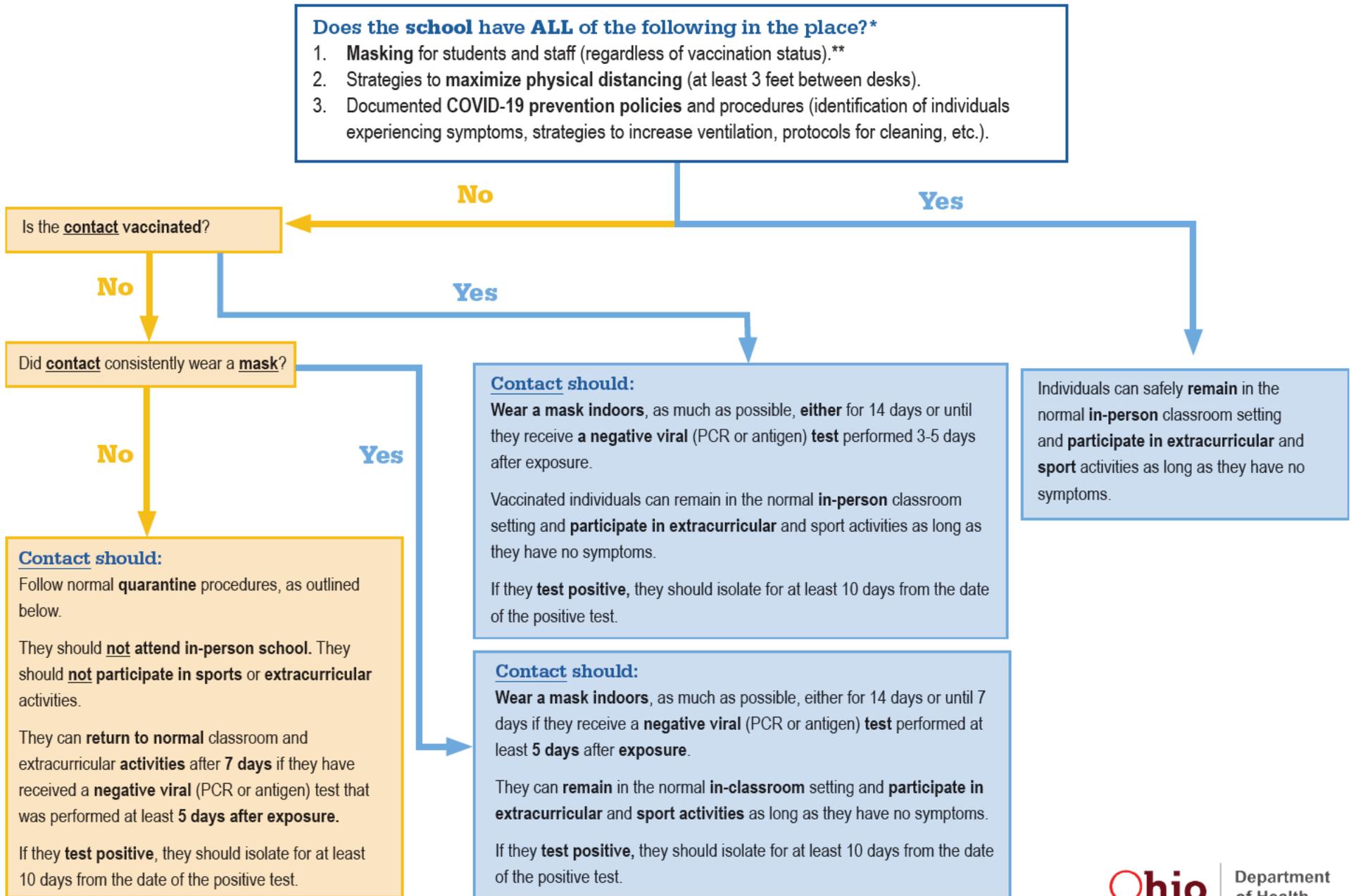
Yes, meals continue to be free for the 2021-2022 school year as part of the USDA.

2. If meals are free do I need to fill out a free and reduced lunch form?

Yes. If you think you qualify for free and reduced lunch status it is IMPORTANT that you complete an application to qualify for additional cost waivers, such as school fees.

Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

**The person who tested positive for COVID-19 should follow standard isolation procedures.