



Toledo Public Schools is moving to a Yellow Light operational status, with students in grades PreK through second coming into buildings on Monday, October 12, and the rest of the students starting in-person learning on Monday, October 26. In a Yellow Light status, students will attend in-person classes two days each week and continue with online learning the other three days.

Students will follow either an A or B schedule, with Group A attending in-school classes Monday and Thursday and Group B attending in-school classes Tuesday and Friday. All students will learn virtually on Wednesdays, when all staff members will report to their buildings. Online learning will take place with small groups for two hours. Teachers will use the remaining time for planning online instruction and Professional Development. When there are Monday holidays, the student attendance calendar will not have a virtual day on Wednesday. Instead, the A Group will attend in-school classes Wednesday and Thursday and the B Group will attend in-school classes on their regular schedule.



Health Assessment

All parents and guardians will complete a basic health check of their children prior to their leaving for school each day. If a child has any symptoms listed below, the child must stay home from school. Contact the school nurse for return to school guidance. A health care provider will determine if the child has COVID-19 or an alternate diagnosis. If a student is confirmed to have COVID-19, he or she must isolate at home for 10 days or until a health care provider gives written permission to return to school.

All staff members will assess their own symptoms each day prior to coming to work; students will be asked if health checks were performed before they left for school.

Families without a thermometer should contact the school for assistance. If a daily in-school temperature check becomes necessary for all students, district representatives will notify parents, guardians and the community. In-school temperature checks will be conducted with a touchless, infrared thermometer.

The symptoms of yearly influenza and COVID-19 are similar and include:

- fever (100 degrees or above) or chills
- shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- muscle or body aches
- congestion or runny nose
- headache
- sore throat
- diarrhea
- cough
- fatigue
- sore throat
- muscle or body aches
- loss of taste or smell
- nausea or vomiting

If students or staff members are showing signs of COVID-19, they will be immediately separated from others. Staff members who are monitoring the situation are required to wear the appropriate PPE. The classroom or area where those showing signs of COVID-19 have been will be thoroughly sanitized. It is the district's responsibility to contact the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department and report confirmed cases of coronavirus.



CLEANING AND SANITIZATION

With the health and safety of students and staff members in mind, a number of cleaning and sanitization protocols have been implemented for this school year, including cleaning and disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces. Students and staff members will be asked to assist in this effort by wiping down their desks throughout the school day. Students will also be asked to disinfect their lockers and other personal items.

Hand sanitizer dispensers have been installed throughout all TPS schools and offices. Signage, plexi glass shields, tape and barriers to insure social distancing when students are in hallways have been installed in offices and schools as a way to remind everyone of their personal responsibility to keep themselves and others safe.

Building maintenance teams will pay special attention to disinfecting cafeterias, restrooms, drinking fountains and high-touch surfaces.

All custodial staff members have attended training delivered by an antiviral specialist on proper cleaning and disinfecting techniques. They also received training on how to use handheld electrostatic disinfecting equipment. They will follow mandated practices set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Health



Meal Times

The way in which students are served breakfast and lunch will look different this year due to COVID-19 and will include limiting the number of students who can sit at a table at one time and assigning seats.

Students will remove face coverings during lunch and store them as directed by school administrators.

Grab and go meals will be provided for students to take home for the days they are participating in online learning.

BREAKFAST

Breakfast will not be served at school. Students will receive breakfast items to take home and eat before coming to school. The schedule is as follows:

Group A Students

- Students who attend school on Monday will take home breakfast items for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday
- On Thursday, students will take breakfast home for Friday and Monday

Group B Students

- Students who attend school on Tuesday will take home breakfast items for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday
- On Friday, students will take breakfast home for Monday and Tuesday

VIRTUAL ACADEMY STUDENTS

Students who are enrolled in the Virtual Academy can pick up breakfast and lunch items on Wednesdays from their respective home school. Parents and guardians, you will need to call the school ahead of time to reserve meals for your student.

LUNCH

Lunch will be served in school – students will also receive grab-and-go lunch items to take home for the days they are engaged in online learning.

Group A Students

- Students who attend school on Monday will take home lunch items for Tuesday, Wednesday
- On Thursday, students will take lunch home for Friday

Group B Students

- Students who attend school on Tuesday will take home lunch items for Wednesday, Thursday and Monday



Transportation

TPS yellow buses will be disinfected at every stop and after each run. Students will be required to wear face coverings while riding the bus and must practice social distancing. Only one student will be permitted in each seat; siblings could be seated together.



Classroom Management

ABSENCES

The district's absence policies will not penalize staff members or students who are symptomatic or in quarantine. To return to school following a COVID-19-related absence, staff members and students must meet CDC criteria: no fever for 24-hours without the use of fever-reducing medication, improved respiratory symptoms, and at least 10 days have passed since the first symptoms appeared. If someone tests positive for COVID-19 but has no symptoms, he or she cannot return to school until 10 days after testing.

If students or staff members experience COVID-19 symptoms at home, they should not report to school and should follow CDC recommendations for assessing and testing and/or seek other appropriate medical care. Students may be required to provide documentation regarding their symptoms and treatment when returning to school.

RECESS

Students will be required to wear face coverings during recess.



SUPPLIES

- Students are encouraged to bring bottled water to school each day.
- Students are to bring their fully charged Chromebook to school each day.



VISITOR MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The district has invested in a new visitor management system called Raptor that screens and tracks everyone coming in and out of schools and offices. The system checks visitors against a custom database developed by TPS, which may contain custody alerts and/or banned visitors. Accurate and reliable visitor details and sign-in history are recorded for every visitor who enters a school and will include COVID-19 questioning for tracing purposes. All visitors will be required to provide driver's license information that will be entered into the Raptor system.

COVID-19 CASES

Toledo Public Schools is mandated to notify the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department any time there is a confirmed case of COVID-19. With guidance from the health department, TPS employees will assist with contact tracing by using class rosters, seating charts, transportation and involvement in extracurricular activities and athletics.

A return to school date for a student will be determined in conjunction with the health department and the homeroom teacher will be notified.

When a student is confirmed as positive, letters will be sent home with classmates; a notification – either through an email or phone call – will be made to all families and staff members in a building when a student or staff member is identified as COVID-19 positive.



FACE COVERINGS

The following guidelines are suggested for face coverings:

- Wash hands with soap and water or hand sanitizer before and after putting on a mask
- Use the ties or loops to put the face mask on and take it off
- A mask should cover the face from the bridge of the nose to the chin
- Users should never touch the front of the mask, especially when taking it off
- Wash and dry the mask daily and discard it if it becomes wet or soiled

NOTE: Wearing a face covering does not replace the need for frequent hand washing and social distancing.





FACE COVERINGS

- Students can take a 'mask break' during lunch while seated and eating.
- Students who ride the bus will be required to have their face coverings on prior to getting on the bus and will be required to keep them on while on the bus.
- Students who refuse to wear face coverings will face disciplinary action, including having a parent or guardian called to take them home.
- Face coverings that could be considered offensive or degrading to others; have symbols of hate or oppression; reference gang membership or are considered disruptive to the educational process are prohibited.
- The school administration reserves the right to determine if a particular face covering is considered a disruption to the educational process as described above
- No bandana or bandana fabric face coverings will be permitted
- Face coverings must cover the nose, mouth and chin.
- Exemptions will be provided for students who have medical or special considerations that prevent them from wearing face coverings. Health Care Provider documentation or a note from the school nurse will be required for those who cannot wear face coverings.

