

**Bridgeport Exempted
Village School District
Opening Plan for the
2020-2021 School Year**

**A Remote Learning
Plan of Action**



COVID-19 Definitions

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Section 1: Introduction Operating Principles

- It is the goal of the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District to fully open schools on schedule for the 2020 – 2021 school year. The status level of the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District will be determined at the discretion of the Superintendent. The Superintendent will consider guidance from the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health, the Belmont County Health Department and the Bridgeport Exempted Village School District Board of Education in making this determination.
- All plans will be devised with the goal of protecting the health and safety of our students, staff and community by considering the guidance given by the American Association of Pediatrics, the CDC, the Ohio Department of Health, the Belmont County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Education. While risks can be minimized, plans cannot eliminate all risks.
- Our mission will be to support the academic, social, emotional and physical needs of our students and staff. If your child or student cannot physically attend school due to health concerns, please contact your building principal for educational options after August 10, 2020.
- Students, Staff, Families and our Community will need to realize our plans need to be flexible, and we stress that everyone must show patience through this process.
- This presentation will not fully encompass the totality of the regulations and guidance given to Bridgeport Exempted Village School District by the state of Ohio. For questions regarding specific situations not covered, please contact your building principal or Superintendent Brent Ripley.

Belmont County Risk Levels

Level 1 (Yellow)	Level 2 (Orange)	Level 3 (Red)	Level 4 (Purple)
<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Active Exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.</p>	<p>Public Emergency</p> <p>Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.</p>
<p>Level 1-4 Require compliance with all health orders.</p>			

Crosswalk Belmont County Risk Levels to School Operations

Level 1 (County Risk Level – Yellow)	Level 2 (County Risk Level – Orange)	Level 3 (County Risk Level – Red)	Level 4 (County Risk Level – Purple)
<p>All In Plan</p> <p>All Students Every Day</p>	<p>All In Plan</p> <p>All Students Every Day</p>	<p>Hybrid Plan</p> <p>Group 1 T/W In-Person Attendance M/TH/F Instruction from Bridgeport faculty while attending at home. or Group 2 M/T/W Instruction from Bridgeport faculty while attending at home and TH/F In-Person Attendance</p>	<p>Remote Learning</p> <p>All Students Transition to receiving instruction from Bridgeport faculty while attending from home.</p>

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Phases of School and Delivery of Instruction

COVID-19
Status Level Green

- All Students Expected to Attend School
- Increased Safety Protocols and Cleaning
- All Staff Members will Report During School Hours

COVID-19
Status Level Yellow

- In-Person Attendance/Remote instruction from Bridgeport faculty while attending from home
- Alternating Days
- All Staff Members will Report During School Hours

COVID-19
Status Level Red

- All Students Stay Home
- All Students Transition to receiving instruction from Bridgeport faculty while attending from home.
- All Staff Members will Report During School Hours

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Phases of School and Delivery of Instruction

COVID-19 –
Status Green
(County Risk
Level –Yellow
and Orange)
All Students at
School
Increased
Safety
Protocols

- Face masks will be required for all children (K-12) unless they meet an exception outlined by state orders. All students will receive teacher directed breaks while following social distancing guidelines. Pre-School students are not required to wear face masks.
- Facial coverings (masks and/or shields) will be required for staff unless they meet an exception outlined by state orders.
- Green status would be a full opening of school with increased safety protocols to reduce the potential spread of COVID-19
- All staff members are expected to report to school during their normal work hours unless determined otherwise by the Superintendent.

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Phases of School and Delivery of Instruction

COVID-19 –
Status Yellow

(County Risk
Level – Red)

50% In-Person
Attendance/50
% Instruction
from
Bridgport
faculty on
Alternating
Days

- Yellow status will be instituted due to extensive social distancing protocols recommended by federal, state or local health officials.
- Students will be divided in either Group 1 (T/W In-Person Attendance and M/TH/F Remote Learning) or Group 2 (M/T/W Remote Learning and TH/F In-Person Attendance)
- The district will do its best to coordinate students in the same household, specific student needs, etc.
- Student expectations for remote learning will be provided by their classroom teacher for remote learning days. A remote learning platform will also be incorporated to maintain the educational process for all students.
- Students are expected to be engaged in both on site and remote learning instruction during normal school hours.
- All staff members are expected to report to school during their normal work hours.
- Parents will have the opportunity to pick up food on days when they are remote learning from home by calling the cafeteria supervisor.
- Deep cleaning on Mondays. All students will have school 5 days per week (3 days remote and 2 days in-person).

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Phases of School and Delivery of Instruction

COVID-19 –
Status Red
(County Risk
Level – Purple)
All Buildings
Closed
All Students
Transition to
receiving
instruction from
Bridgeport
faculty while
attending from
home.

- Red status may result from an Executive Order from the Governor, the Ohio Department of Health, the Belmont County Health Department or as determined by the Superintendent.
- Remote learning instruction is instituted to provide a consistent delivery of educational content to students.
- Students are expected to be engaged in their remote learning instruction during normal school hours (student attendance will be documented throughout).
- All faculty will report to school during their normal work hours.
- During this time, parents will have the opportunity to pick up food by calling the cafeteria supervisor in advance.

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Remote Learning Plan – House Bill 164

- Student instructional needs will be determined and documented by using a formative assessment loop. Throughout this process, students will be pre-assessed, instructional plans will be developed, instructional plans will be monitored and reassessed for learning mastery.
- Teachers will monitor and document student participation and progress and will provide feedback for students to be successful within the class. All activities and assignments given will be graded and will be reflected in the student's final grade for the course and grant credit where applicable.
- Students in each building will follow the schedule given to them throughout the remote learning period. Students will be expected to log into the e-lesson during the time period listed on their schedule given and teachers will take attendance during that time.
- Teachers will use and monitor an online learning portal for instruction. Students will be required to log into and connect with their teachers through an online platform. Educators can assign lessons while interacting with students and providing support using an online learning platform. If a student is unable to access the content during that time frame, the recording of the lesson will be posted to the online portal for students and/or parents to view.
- Expanded Internet Access and devices are available for students who do not have access. Hardcopy learning packets will be provided as requested.
- Teachers will be available for correspondence with students between the hours of the school day Monday through Friday.
- Teachers will collaborate to build thoughtful instructional lessons, and student attendance will be documented throughout. All students, including students with an IEP will correspond with general education and intervention specialists through multiple means.
- Teachers will be trained in a variety of online learning platforms in order for them to stay connected with students and to deliver instruction in an online format.

Section 2: 2020 – 2021 Phases of School and Delivery of 100% On-Line Instruction



If a child is unable to physically attend school due to medically documented health related concern or parent choice, the District provide an online curriculum in partnership with the East Central Ohio ESC as an option for families.



Families wishing to pursue this option must contact building principals by August 10, 2020 to meet and begin the application process.



Online learning cannot fully replicate the learning experience found with either in-person or remote learning instruction. Please consider all factors before making a decision.



It is expected that families pursuing this option commit to a minimum of a semester for online option.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

The Reality: Educational Programs and Settings are Inherently Designed for Social Interaction, Not Social Distancing

At Bridgeport Exempted Village SD, the following will be essential to creating a healthy learning environment:

- Vigilantly assess for symptoms (at home and at school)
- Wash and sanitize hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Thoroughly clean and sanitize the school environment to limit the spread on shared surfaces
- Practice social distancing
- Implement face covering policies for students and staff

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

Safety Protocols: Cleaning procedures during the school day

Prior to the start of the school day

- All commonly touched items will be disinfected with approved cleaners.
- All hand sanitizer and soap dispensers checked for daily use.
- Buses will be cleaned in preparation for the morning routes.

During the school day

- Desks and commonly touched items will be cleaned.
- Hand sanitizing stations and soap dispensers will be refilled as needed.
- Buses will be cleaned before and after routes.

At the end of the school day

- Deep cleaning of all schools will be completed.
- Areas used for extracurricular activities will also be cleaned after usage.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

The following items will be used to provide a healthy learning environment at Bridgeport Exempted Village SD

- Hand sanitizer stations in every classroom, high traffic areas, and extracurricular venues.
- Approved cleaning and disinfecting products.
- Face shields for staff.
- Facemasks for staff.
- Non-touch infrared scanning thermometers.
- Disinfectant machines for large spaces and equipment.
- Social distancing barriers where applicable.
- Signage for safety reminders to students and staff.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

General Safety Strategies for Good Hygiene

- Daily health checks should be completed at home before coming to school. If you feel sick, please stay home. Do not return to school/work until you meet CDC criteria or are cleared by a medical provider.
- Students or staff exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 will be sent home and recommended to visit a health care provider immediately.
- Practice social distancing.
- Frequently wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use hand sanitizer with at least 60 percent alcohol content if soap and water are not available.
 - Hand sanitizing stations are in every classroom.
- Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with your elbow or a tissue and dispose of the tissue.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched items and surfaces as much as possible.
- If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in your home, please contact your child's principal and health care provider.
- Utilize personal protective equipment as much as possible.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

General Safety Strategies: Shaping the School Day

- District officials will work closely with the health department and maintain open communication with state agencies.
- Practice social distancing as much as possible, as feasible, using visual markings.
- Daily cleaning and disinfecting protocols for high touch areas and surfaces.
- Provide health and safety education related to COVID-19 for students and training for staff.
- Post signs in buildings reinforcing social distancing and good hygiene.
- Hand sanitizing stations are in all classrooms and high traffic areas.
- As feasible, keep groups of students together throughout the day to minimize interactions between large groups.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

General Safety Strategies: Shaping the School Day

- Student Seating in classrooms will be modified as appropriate.
- An isolation area is established to help isolate students as needed.
- Visitors will be strictly limited and are required to wear a face covering.
- Student and staff health checks should be performed daily (both at home and in school).

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

General Safety Strategies: Shaping the School Day

- Limit the number of students using the restrooms at one time.
- Facial coverings will be required in food preparation areas.
- Limit the number of students in food serving lines.
- Utilize face shields and/or face masks for staff.
- Reduce congregation in high traffic areas.
- As feasible, utilize safety barriers for staff in high traffic areas.
- Face masks or shields are required by all students and staff in all areas (unless they meet an exception outlined by state orders).
- PreK students are not required to wear a mask/facial covering.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

General Safety Strategies: Shaping the School Day

- As feasible, modify class changes and arrival/dismissal procedures.
- Close traditional drinking fountains as water bottle dispensers will be installed. Permit students to use water bottles.
- No field trips until further notice.
- Playgrounds: Disinfect high touch areas and limit usage of some equipment.
- Utilize outside areas for increased space.
- There may be specific limitations by grade levels or buildings.
- Manipulatives and Equipment: Reduce the use of shared items by students
 - Where possible, students will be given assigned seats and manipulatives to limit exposure from other students.
- Face coverings are mandatory for all students and staff.
- PreK students are not required to wear a mask/facial covering.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

Guidelines for Face Coverings (Masks)

- Comprehensive guidance supports the use of face coverings or face shields to help slow the spread of COVID-19.
- As feasible, face coverings can be an important safety tool for individuals and families when not able to maintain social distancing for activities such as: busing and transportation; events and meetings; instruction that necessitate close proximity; educating medically vulnerable students; supporting medically vulnerable staff; and protecting schools' health care workers and crisis responders.
- Visitors are strictly limited and are required to wear a face covering.
- At this time, to limit potential exposure to our students and staff, Bridgeport Exempted Village School District will not be utilizing volunteers during the school day.
- Face masks will be required for all children (K-12) unless they meet an exception outlined by state orders. All students will receive teacher directed breaks while following social distancing guidelines. Pre-School students are not required to wear face masks.
- Facial coverings (masks and/or shields) will be required for staff unless they meet an exception outlined by state orders.

Section 3: Healthy Learning Environments

Based on transportation challenges, any parent who is able to transport your child to and from school should notify the transportation office.

The following procedures will be implemented on buses for Bridgeport Exempted Village SD:

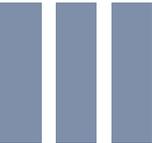
- Parents should conduct daily health checks of their child and not send an ill child to school.
- Students will be assigned seats on all buses and families will sit together.
- Buses will be cleaned and disinfected before and after routes.
- Students will be required to wear facial coverings on buses.
- Hand sanitizer will be available on buses and at entrance and exit points of school buildings prior to loading and unloading buses.
- Drivers will be required to follow employee guidelines for wearing face coverings.
- Drivers will dismiss students from one bus at a time upon arrival to school.
- Ventilation – Natural air circulation (opening windows) is recommended with consideration given to weather conditions and other health concerns (asthma, etc.).

Section 4: Responding to a Confirmed COVID-19 Case

Guidelines for Responding to a Confirmed Case are Established in Conjunction with State and Local Health Officials

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 at a school, regardless of community transmission, any school in any community might need to implement short-term closure. If this happens, CDC recommends the following procedures regardless of the level of community spread:

- Once learning of a confirmed COVID-19 case for a student or staff member, the school's health official(s) will contact the county health department.
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Section 5: Additional Resources and Information

- [Bridgeport School District Website](#)
- [ODE Reset and Restart Guidelines](#)
- <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>
- [Belmont County Health Department](#)
- [Center for Disease Control](#)
- <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>
- [Ohio K-12 School Guidance](#)
- <https://services.aap.org/en/pages/2019-novel-coronavirus-covid-19-infections/>