

# GROVEPORT MADISON SCHOOLS

## RESPONSIBLE RESTART 2020 PLAN

We know students, parents, and staff have been anxious to get information about how our schools will reopen for the coming school year. We hope that between this publication and the information we have on the Responsible Restart 2020 page of our GoCruisers.org website, you will have the information you need to make plans over the next several weeks.



The manner in which we're able to open schools primarily depends on the status of the Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System, a mechanism the Ohio Department of Health and the Governor are using to determine the severity and impact of the COVID-19 throughout our state. That same data is available at the county level, which Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) uses to help guide the Franklin County school districts in how we should respond to this crisis.

We want nothing more than to have our students in school every day. However, with Franklin County currently being at a Level 3 (Red) alert level, we are planning to open the 2020-2021 school year in a "Blended Learning Model," with students attending school two days per week and receiving online instruction three days per week (see illustration regarding blended learning on the following page).

FRANKLIN COUNTY COVID-19 ALERT SYSTEM			
LEVEL 1 0 - 1 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 2 2 - 3 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 3 4 - 5 Indicators Triggered	LEVEL 4 6 - 7 Indicators Triggered
Active exposure and spread. Follow up with current health orders and recommendations.	Increased exposure and spread. Exercise a high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.
TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE	TRADITIONAL SCHEDULE	BLENDED LEARNING	100% ONLINE ONLY
All Students Report	All Students Report	In-person classes two days per week with online three days per week	100% Online Instruction
In-person classes five days per week. Require minimum of 3' social distancing. Masks required for all K-12 students and staff (Pre-K encouraged to wear masks). Promote good health practices. Extra cleaning and disinfecting throughout.	In-person classes five days per week. Require minimum of 3' (6' preferred) social distancing. Masks required for all K-12 students and staff (Pre-K encouraged to wear masks). Promote good health practices. Extra cleaning and disinfecting throughout.	"A" or "B" attending in-person classes two days per week, with online classes three days per week. Require 6' social distancing at all times. Masks required for all K-12 students and staff (Pre-K encouraged to wear masks). Promote safe health practices. Vigilant cleaning and disinfecting. Very limited group activities.	Schools are closed. Students are sent home to take online classes. No student activities.
Alert Status Levels 1 - 4 Require Compliance with All Health Orders			

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Using the Blended Learning Model, we will have about half of our students in the school simultaneously, which allows us to meet the required social distancing guidelines (which is one of the best ways to keep students and staff safe).

We plan to reopen on Monday, August 31. It's important to recognize that the situation in Franklin County may change by that time. We will continue to keep in close contact with FCPH, and we will immediately alert you if there is a change in the alert status that would impact our current plans for reopening.

## CRUISER DIGITAL ACADEMY

We know some families want or need for their students to take their classes from home. With that in mind, we created the Cruiser Digital Academy (CDA), where students can attend school 100% of the time, at home, in an online classroom environment, five days per week, following the District's approved calendar.

All students enrolled in Groveport Madison Schools can take their classes through Cruiser Digital Academy. As much as possible, students are taught in a format where the teacher is present online at the same time as the students. Synchronous teaching may take place through the use of video conferencing, live chat, or email. **Once the parent has selected CDA, the student must remain in the program for the entire school year.**

## FACE-TO-FACE, ON-SITE CLASSES

**Traditional Learning Model** - When the county is in Alert Levels 1 or 2 (Yellow or Orange), students will attend school, in-person, five days per week.

**Blended Learning Model** - If the Alert Level rises to Level 3 (Red), in-person classes will be divided. About one-half of the students (Group A) receive in-person, face-to-face instruction on Mondays and Tuesdays, and complete online lessons on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. Conversely, Group B will attend school on Thursdays and Fridays, and they will receive online instruction the remaining three days of the week. Both Groups A and B will follow the District's approved calendar.

## BLENDDED LEARNING MODEL

	MON	TUE	WED	THR	FRI
GROUP A	In-School Instruction	In-School Instruction	Online Lessons At Home	Online Lessons At Home	Online Lessons At Home
GROUP B	Online Lessons At Home	Online Lessons At Home	Online Lessons At Home	In-School Instruction	In-School Instruction

## 100% REMOTE ONLINE LEARNING MODEL

If the Alert Level increases to Level 4 (Purple), all students will be sent home, and schools will be closed. Instruction will continue in an off-site online format, using students' Chromebook computers. Students taking classes online can participate in extra-curricular activities.

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## KEEPING STUDENTS AND STAFF SAFE



### Health Assessments

All students should be assessed for any signs of COVID-19 before leaving from home – **every day**. If the student has any COVID-related symptoms, **they must stay home!** Call in to report their absence. The District also has a COVID-19 tracking and notification system.

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### Face Coverings

All K-12 students (Pre-K also encouraged) and all staff are required to wear a face mask anytime they are in the school or on a school bus.

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### Handwashing/Hand Sanitizer Stations

We will rigorously promote proper handwashing techniques and using hand sanitizing stations located throughout the schools.

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### Breakfast & Lunch

Most students will be eating pre-prepared meals in their classrooms. Grab & Go meals will continue to be available to students taking online classes. Student meal cards with barcodes will be issued to all students.

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### Communal Spaces/Hallway Congestion/Locker Use

To reduce the chance of spreading germs, we will avoid large-group settings. Hallway traffic patterns will be modified, and lockers will not be used.

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### Hydration/Use of Water Fountains

Due to the risk of spreading germs, students should bring their own bottled water to school each day. Water fountains will be shut off.

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### Social Distancing

All students and staff must adhere to social distancing guidelines at all times.

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### Shared Supplies and Equipment

Schools will refrain from using shared supplies and/or equipment. Where it can't be avoided, the items will be disinfected between uses.

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## **Playgrounds and Recess**

We will promote being outdoors whenever possible. High-touch surfaces of playground equipment will be frequently disinfected.



## **Volunteers and Visitors**

In-school volunteer programs have been suspended. Visitors will be limited to only the school's main office. All visitors must wear a mask to enter the school.



## **Cleaning/Sanitizing/Disinfecting**

High-touch surfaces will be cleaned regularly throughout the day, and other areas will be thoroughly cleaned using germ-prohibiting products.



## **Transportation/Busing**

Per CDC guidelines, students may be seated two-per-seat when wearing masks. Buses will be sanitized after each route. Hand sanitizer will be available for use by the students, drivers, and aides.

## **EXTRA-CURRICULAR/ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES**

The District will follow guidelines provided by the Ohio Department of Health, Franklin County Public Health, and the Ohio High School Athletic Association. We expect more guidance on the state's plans for schools' athletic programs in the coming weeks.

## **NOTICE**

With the unknown spread of COVID-19 and the rapidly changing guidance from state and local officials, this information is subject to change. The District will maintain the most current information, including a list of frequently-asked questions, on our website located at [www.gocruisers.org](http://www.gocruisers.org).

Questions can also be directed to our Communications and Community Relations Office, by calling 614-492-2520 or emailing [gm.communications@gocruisers.org](mailto:gm.communications@gocruisers.org).

## **MORE INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONLINE**

Use the QR Code below to visit our website for more details regarding the Responsible Restart 2020 Plan. Download the app from Google Play or the App Store.

