

Dear Parents,

The COVID-19 pandemic has tested our resolve and I am proud to share we are emerging determined, more than ever, to meet the needs of our students and community. We realize that continuing to support one another and our commitment to doing what is best for our students and staff need to remain at the forefront of our decisions.

Although the decision made on August 6 to start the year online was not an easy one as it weighed heavily on all of us, we have remained committed to providing you with an update by September 15 in regard to whether or not we can return to in-person instruction.

Based on the data trends the Toledo Lucas County Health Department encouraged us to monitor, including the local numbers of COVID-19 cases in both our community as well as our students and staff, we are looking forward to being able to have our students back in our classrooms beginning on October 1. To ensure a safe return to school, we plan to restart as follows:

**October 1 - \*All students with last names A-K will attend a full day of school per normal school hours**

**October 2 - \*All students with last names L-Z will attend a full day of school per normal school hours**

**October 5 - \*All students K-12 return to attending full days of school**

*\*All students refers to those who plan to attend in-person. It does not include our students who elected to attend school as Maumee Virtual Participants (MVPs). Those enrolled as MVPs are now locked into this choice for the quarter/trimester as we have finalized our plans including class/course rosters for the time being.*

Individual buildings will be sending additional communications to clarify details regarding building start times as well as new traffic patterns and entry points to allow for our new safety protocols. Also, as a general reminder, please follow the Panther Pledge daily as we work together to provide a safe environment for our students and staff. This includes staying home when sick, wearing a mask, and practicing social distancing.

Attached to this communication you will find several documents. We ask you to take a few minutes to review the flow chart we will use to determine if/when students need to go home and possibly quarantine and/or isolate as well as the letters we will use to notify you of a case of COVID -19 in your child's building and/or if we are aware that your child has been exposed to an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Since August 15, we are only aware of two staff / students who have tested positive for COVID-19. A report containing updated district data will also be posted to our website each week.

On a separate but related note, we were recently notified that because we participate in the federal meals program, Maumee City Schools will be able to begin providing all students with a free breakfast and lunch through December 31, 2020. This means that all students will be able to participate, regardless of income, including Maumee Virtual Participants (MVPs). More information about this new offering will be sent to all parents during the week of September 21.

Once again, thank you for the ongoing support of our students and staff during this global pandemic. Together we have lifted each other up as we continue to find innovative and creative solutions to all we have faced over the past six months. Please continue to let us know the questions you have by emailing them to [nsayre@maumee12.org](mailto:nsayre@maumee12.org) as we will continue to update our FAQ page. Take care.

Todd Cramer, Superintendent

**ATTACHMENTS:**

[COVID-19 School Nurse Algorithm -- How School District Handles Household Exposure/Quarantine/Isolation -- Sample COVID-19 Notification Letters](#)

[Student Expectations During Remote Learning & Parent Letter](#)