



August 10, 2020

Re: 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

Dear Families,

First and foremost, thank you for your continued support, patience and assistance in the school's reopening planning process for the upcoming school year. The information and responses you provided via the family survey is critical to the success of our reopening for 2020-2021 school year.

As stated in the July letter to families; the school's reopening plan must adhere to strict guidance and requirements from the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Governor Mike DeWine, the Center for Disease Control (CDC) and the schools' sponsor. These strict guidelines now require the school to monitor Ohio Public Health Advisory System (OPHAS i.e. *list of public emergency levels, by number and color*), in addition to implementing specific policies, procedures and health and safety protocols for student in-person learning i.e. daily temperature checks, face masks, social distancing, cleaning, and sanitizing, as well as prepare a remote learning plan, in the event of a mandatory school closure.

Although, these various local and state entities have provided guidance; they deferred the final decision-making authority to local schools and/or districts. In this "new normal"; the process to implement the various requirements, complete consultation and collaboration with our sponsor, board, faculty and families, community, required agencies, *as listed above*, legal counsel, and other stakeholders, address the concerns of families and faculty, and meet the health and safety for all parties; is very challenging for all Ohio schools. In addition, recently the ODH issued a public statement "recommending all Ohio schools' begin the 2020-2021 school year remotely".

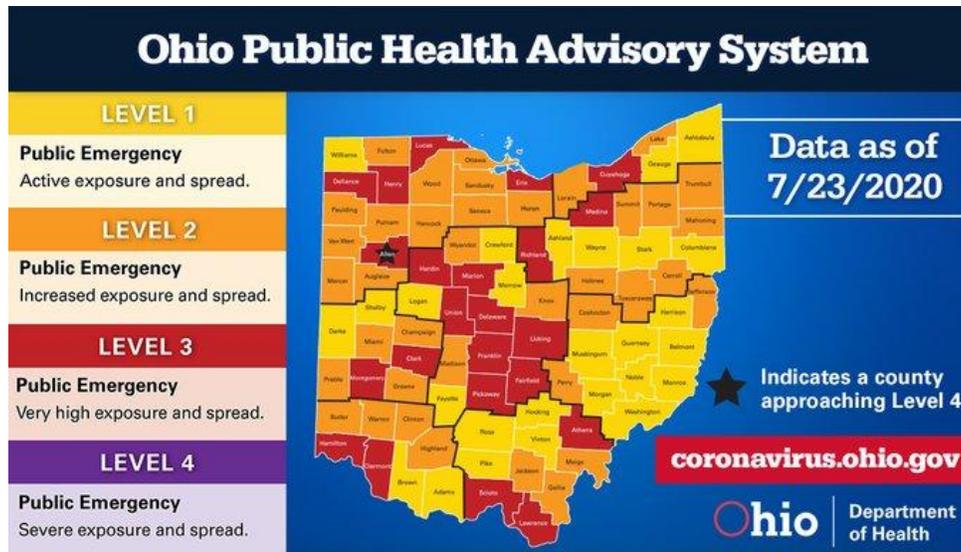
However, we're pleased to report the school's reopening plan for the upcoming school year is complete. A brief summary of the school's reopening plan is listed below. For your convenience, the complete reopening plan is included in the 2020-2021 parent-student handbook. (*see the registration tab to access the handbook – all "new" components can be located via the table of contents page*)

Our Reopening Plan

Wings Academy 1 will officially reopen for 2020-2021 school year pursuant to the guidance from the Ohio Department of Health and a review of the OPHAS Levels for Cuyahoga County as follows:

Cuyahoga County @ OPHAS Level: 3-4 – Remote Learning Model - All Students

Cuyahoga County @ OPHAS Level: 1-2 – Hybrid Model – All Students



Per a recent review of the OPHAS for Cuyahoga County; the current level is 3 i.e. **red** and has remained at this for several weeks. As indicated above, the school will **begin on 9/8/20 with a Remote Learning Model - All Students**. This remote learning will be followed **for an initial period of (8 weeks) i.e. September & October**. In the event, the OPHAS Level decreases prior to the end of this initial period; a transition to the hybrid model will be considered by the school’s board as soon as possible. *Please note exceptions to the reopening plan may be warranted to provide additional support and services for vulnerable, disadvantaged & at-risk youth groups.*

Our Remote Learning Model

Remote learning occurs when the learner and educator, or source of information, are separated by time and/or distance and, therefore, cannot meet in a traditional classroom setting. The school will be working with students through various digital platforms, remote modes and instructional delivery models. *Please see the Parent-Student Handbook for more detailed remote information, as it relates to reporting attendance, report cards, curriculum, granting credit etc..*

Our Hybrid Model – Combination: In-Person and Remote Learning

This model is based on the CDC’s guiding principles for a mid-level risk model for small, in-person classes, activities, whereby groups of students stay together and with the same teacher throughout the day and groups do not mix.

The school’s education plan will be followed as outlined in the comprehensive plan for the hybrid model i.e. brick and mortar (B/M) for 3 days per week and as outlined in the remote learning

(RL) plan for 2 days per week. On the brick and mortar days; all students will be scheduled to report to school per the assigned group. i.e. Cohort 1 or Cohort 2.

Meet & Greet

As large gatherings and events are not permitted; we're unable to schedule our annual orientation fair for the new school year. However, personnel from the school will be contacting families soon as applicable to special education services and student record files. Also coming soon, all school personnel can be contacted directly via their school e-mail address listed under the about us tab – staff roster. All classroom teachers will be connecting with families in the next few weeks to:

- Introduce themselves and share their background
- Advise your students' specific group i.e. Cohort 1 or Cohort 2
- Schedule a virtual technology session to ensure you and your student understand and are comfortable with the digital platforms applicable to their grade i.e. in-person available if needed
- Issue a loaner device, if needed

In closing, we want to maintain your trust in who we are and what we do. We intend to work towards ensuring preservation of our Quality School Designation by ensuring continuation of a rigorous education program, while remaining in compliance with effective operational policies and procedures to ensure all local, state and federal guidelines for the upcoming school year are met.

We will continue to monitor the OPHAS and we look forward to welcoming all students back to school building soon!

Regards,

Wings Academy Leadership Team