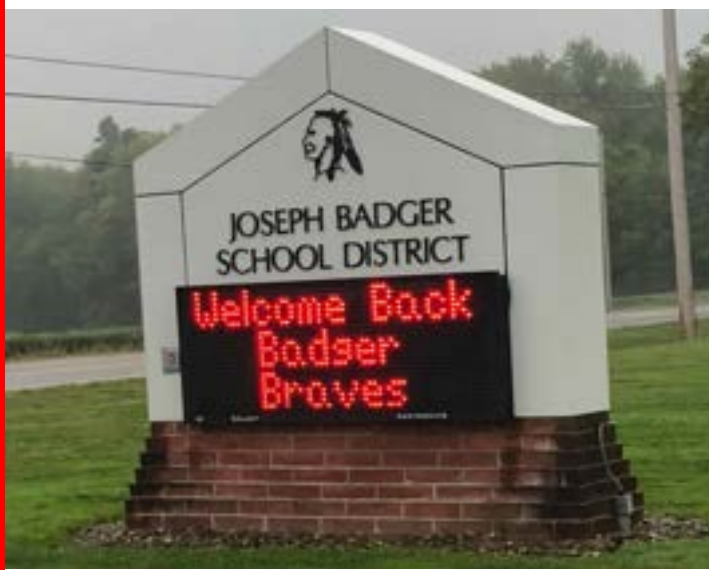


# Joseph Badger School District



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## Opening Safely 2021

We are so proud that we were one of the few schools that were open 5 days a week last year. Our teachers, staff, administration, and Board of Education are committed to providing our community a safe school. Please reach out to us to discuss any concerns or questions. We are here for you!

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The Opening plans of our District are based upon the recommendations, requirements and guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Center for Disease Control (CDC). We will explore the five areas that are our guiding principles.

## Wearing Masks

Improving Ventilation  
Maximizing Distance  
Handwashing, Cleaning and Sanitation  
Assess Symptoms

The CDC and the Ohio Department of Health are recommending (NOT mandating) the wearing of masks. Naturally, we will only recommend the same. "Masks have been proven to be extremely effective in slowing the spread of the virus. Ohio researchers conducted an evaluation last year that showed that masking helped control the spread of the virus in Ohio schools. ODH strongly recommends that those who are unvaccinated wear masks while in school."



We have attached the Ohio Department of Health flowchart for anyone who is exposed to COVID-19. If a student has been exposed, they will NOT have to quarantine if they are wearing a mask or are vaccinated. Otherwise, the local health department will require the exposed student to be quarantined for 14 days and will be marked absent.

School Transportation: The CDC has mandated the use of masks on buses. This is a federal requirement and all children in all schools will follow this requirement.

Masks will always be provided to anyone free of charge.

Wearing Masks

## Improving Ventilation

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ODH recommends that schools increase ventilation within classrooms and other common spaces. As part of our layered approach to safety, we have purchased new HVAC software allowing us to bring in as much air as possible and maximizing ventilation. We have also purchased all new air filters, will be using exhaust fans and lastly, we will open windows in buses.

Wearing Masks  
Improving Ventilation

## Maximizing Distance

Handwashing, Cleaning and Sanitation  
Assess Symptoms



The CDC currently recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms. We will always follow this recommendation, and we will, in fact, exceed it in many instances.

Wearing Masks  
Improving Ventilation  
Maximizing Distance

## Handwashing, Cleaning and Sanitation

Assess Symptoms

Hand washing and sanitizing are important tools in preventing the spread of COVID-19 by killing the virus. Students, and staff should practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds when hands are dirty, before and after eating, and after using the restroom. We will provide opportunities throughout the day for handwashing.



We are also making hand sanitizer (60-95% alcohol based) and sanitizing products available for personnel and students, especially in high traffic areas, including at each school entrance and in every classroom. Also, hand sanitizing dispensers are installed on all our buses.

We have also provided education and training for all employees on how to properly put on, use, take off, and dispose of PPE. Additionally, we will provide Professional Development for all staff to know and recognize the most likely symptoms of

COVID-19 and how to protect employees and students from spreading the virus.

We will be frequently cleaning surfaces paying particular attention to high-touch areas (stair handrails, door handles, counters, desks, tables, chairs, restrooms, etc.). Cleaning and disinfection will be done daily including our buses. All our supplies are approved for COVID-19 cleaning.

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## Assess Symptoms

Since COVID-19 spreads so rapidly, it is essential that students (and their caregivers), and staff conduct daily health checks **prior** to going to school which should include taking their temperature and assessing their symptoms. Anyone with symptoms (described below) or a temperature above 100°F should stay home. Anyone who receives a positive test for COVID-19 must report the diagnosis to our school.

### Symptoms of COVID-19 may include:

- Fever or chills
  - Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
  - Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
  - Headache
- Loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Diarrhea
- Repeated shaking with chills



The Joseph Badger School District will continue to use contactless temperature screening kiosks. All students and staff will have their temperatures checked upon entering our facility. This does not replace the need for assessing at home, but it is one more mechanism we are employing to help protect our community.

# When an Individual Shows Symptoms at School

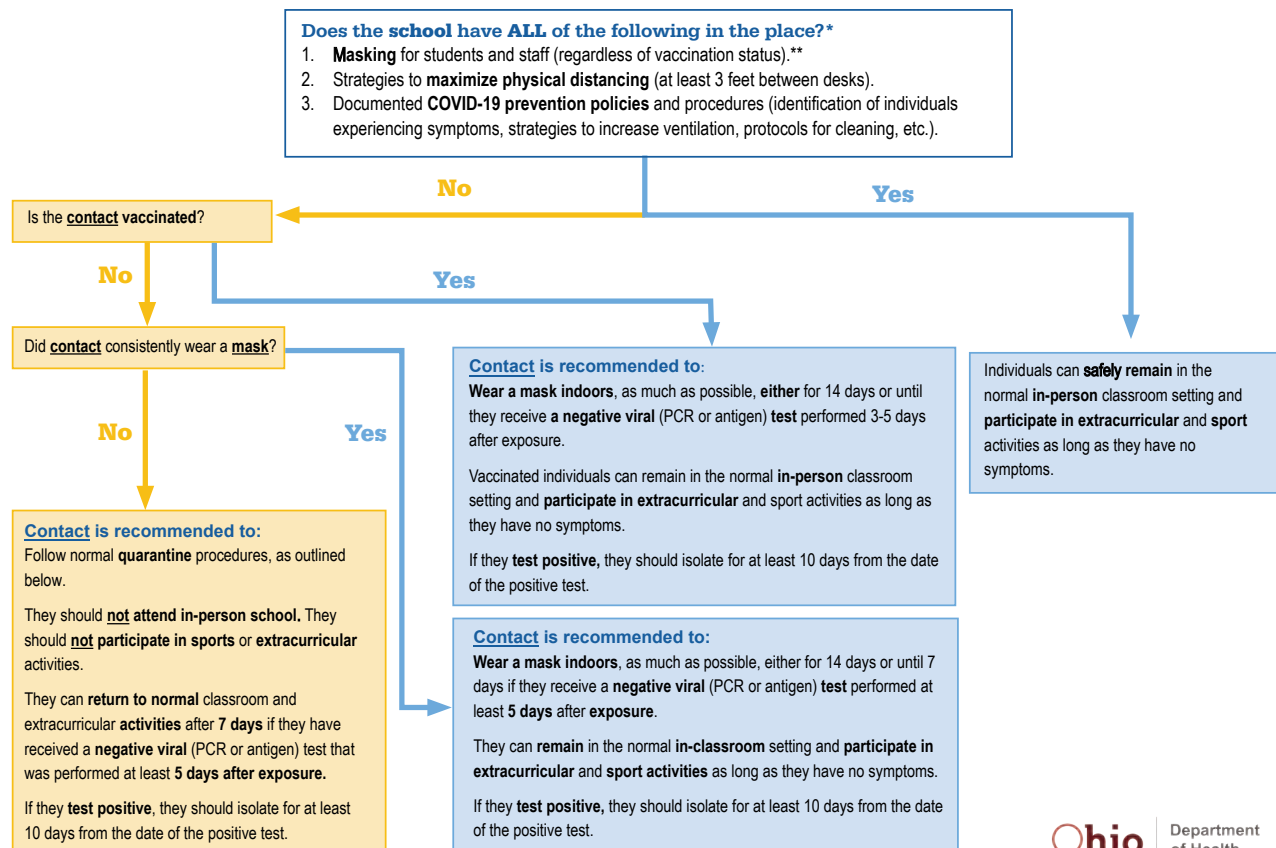
Our teachers and staff have been trained in recognizing COVID-19 symptoms. We also thankfully have a full-time nurse. If a student or staff member shows symptoms at school or has a fever over 100°F, we will do the following:

- A student will immediately be separated from others; A member of our staff must be immediately relieved of duties and sent home
- We will designate an isolation room/area for students who exhibit symptoms to wait for parent/guardian to pick them up.

Please look at the following classroom flowchart. Our local health department will assess exposure issues outside of the classroom. Although we are only recommending mask wearing, please know there is a difference if a student is exposed.

## Guidelines for Quarantine After Exposure in K-12 Classroom Settings

This chart can help guide quarantine decisions after a student or adult contact is exposed to someone with COVID-19 in the classroom setting.



Ohio Department of Health

\*This flowchart applies only to COVID-19 exposures that occurred within a K-12 classroom setting. It is not applicable to exposure in the community, extracurricular, or sports environment.

\*\*If masking has not been implemented, local health departments (LHDs) may use this workflow if it can be established that the person WITH COVID-19 and individuals within 3 to 6 feet of the infected person were consistently and correctly wearing masks.

## Special Thanks

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