

# Northmor Local School District

## 2020-2021 Reopening Plan

**First day of school:**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2020**



Kindergarten families will be provided additional information regarding a start date.  
Pioneer students will need to follow the Pioneer calendar.

Although the current COVID-19 Pandemic is a fluid situation, Northmor Local School is planning for the opening of school in the fall of 2020. We believe continuing to keep children physically out of school could have long-term academic and social-emotional consequences. We understand there are risks associated with returning to school and we will take steps as presented within this plan to mitigate risks for students, staff, families, and our community.

We believe our best chance to have all students in school 5 days a week is to implement procedures regarding: social distancing, face coverings, proper hygiene, and sanitation. We understand the COVID-19 safety concerns take priority over educational issues and we will align and adjust our plan with ODH Risk Levels and the Morrow County Health District recommendations, as necessary.

Northmor Local School District will adhere to the following general principles when reopening schools:

1. NLSD will implement recommended safety protocols and follow guidelines issued by the Ohio Department of Health and the Morrow County Health District to the highest degree possible. All staff will have additional safety training on COVID-19 information.
2. NLSD will work closely with the Morrow County Health District to promote safety in each school building.
3. NLSD will take steps to ensure that quality student learning will continue despite the fact that we may experience rolling short-term closures or extended school closures.
4. NLSD will communicate with parents, staff, students, and the community regarding any confirmed cases of COVID-19 within the school community as much as we are legally allowed to do so. More information will be coming.
5. We will communicate changes to our procedures and plans as they occur.

This plan is subject to change as the situation changes in our area. Please be willing to adapt and adjust. As a reminder, plans are based on current knowledge shared to the public. We will continue to reevaluate based on evolving conditions, data about the status of the pandemic and recommendations and guidance from the public health officials and scientific community.

➤ *In order to best communicate with you, please complete your school forms as soon as possible through Final Forms: [northmor-oh.finalforms.com](http://northmor-oh.finalforms.com) If you have already completed forms, please log in and check that all forms are complete/green in the next few weeks. Northmor will soon be adding COVID-19 questions to help serve all students.*

# Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidelines for the Public\*

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system>

Ohio Level 1	Ohio Level 2	Ohio Level 3	Ohio Level 4
<b>Public Emergency</b> Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.	<b>Public Emergency</b> Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

We will evaluate the Public Emergency Levels of our area and school district, in consultation with the Morrow County Health District, to determine which academic schedule the schools will operate.

Morrow County Level 1	Morrow County Level 2	Morrow County Level 3	Morrow County Level 4
Active exposure & spread. Follow all current health orders.	Increased exposure & spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.	Very high exposure & 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.
NLS: "All in" learning model. Student facial covering required while riding bus, recommended at all other times, unless there is a state mandated mask order.	NLS: "All in" learning model. Student facial covering required while riding bus, recommended at all other times, unless there is a state mandated mask order.	NLS: Hybrid learning model. 2 days a week in person and 3 days a week online instruction. Student facial covering required at all times.	NLS: 100% online learning model.

***\*The state announces the county advisory level on Thursday at 2pm and this will determine the learning environment for the following week since the state order does not go into effect until Friday at 6pm.***

We prioritize the safety and learning of our school community. In an effort to be as transparent with you as possible, we would like to educate you on all options available so that you can make the best decision for your child at this time. As a parent, please review the following four options and select the option that is best for you and your family.

1. Children attend Northmor Local Schools according to the District Reopening Plan provided in this document.
2. Children attend Northmor Local Schools through an online learning option. *This option requires a semester commitment.* Your child will remain a Northmor student. Please see the last page of this document for more information.
3. Enroll in another school: private, online, charter, etc. This option requires withdrawal from Northmor Schools.
4. Homeschool, which requires that you submit state-required homeschool plans and withdrawal from Northmor Schools. See the Ohio Department of Education website for requirements at <http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Ohio-Education-Options/Home-Schooling>

☆ Families that have students with unique needs or concerns please contact your child's principal via email by **August 11, 2020**. Grades PK-6: Mrs. Amanda Albert, [aalbert@knightpride.org](mailto:aalbert@knightpride.org) Grades 7-12: Mr. Brendan Gwartz, [bgwartz@knightpride.org](mailto:bgwartz@knightpride.org)

## Northmor Local School District Academic Schedules - Defined

### 1. “All-In” In-Person Schedule (Yellow/Orange) Morrow County Level 1 & 2

Traditional learning will occur with all students returning to school with added safety and sanitation precautions. Student facial covering required while riding the bus, recommended at all other times, unless there is a state mandated mask order. Physical distancing will not always be possible which is why face coverings are required on buses. This schedule will be in effect if the county risk level is in yellow or orange.

### 2. Hybrid Learning Schedule (Red) Morrow County Level 3

This schedule will be in effect if the county risk level is RED or it is so advised by the Morrow County Health District. The hybrid attendance model will have 50% of students in-school two days a week. This model allows us to see students in-person for two days each week to provide continuity of instruction while providing more social distancing. All increased safety and sanitation precautions will continue. Facial covering required at all times.

The district will be divided into 2 groups. Students in the same household will be grouped together. You will be notified by **August 24, 2020** as to your group assignment.

- **Group A** will attend in person Monday and Tuesday with remote learning the other days.
- **Group B** will attend in person Wednesday and Thursday with remote learning the other days.
  - Fridays will be used for cleaning and for teachers to respond to students/families questions, update lessons and assignments, create and post videos, offer Google office hours and provide other support for student instruction.

### 3. Remote Schedule (Purple) Morrow County Level 4-100% Online Learning Schedule

Students will stay home and access all learning online remotely through Google Classroom facilitated by their district teacher(s).

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## Face Coverings

In order for your student(s) to be most comfortable, parents must provide a school appropriate face covering for their student(s) that is most suitable for their student. Face coverings can be a mask, bandanna, neck gaiter or shield that covers the nose, mouth, and chin. When students are in the building, classrooms, hallways, restrooms and/or working at their desks, face coverings are strongly recommended but not required unless ordered by the state or under level RED which is a mandate. Face coverings do not need to be worn if there is a documented health or developmental reason, approved by a physician and superintendent (forms available from the school nurse). Northmor will have face coverings available for students if one is not provided.

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## Parent/Guardian/Student Expectations

### **PRIOR** to coming to school each day:

1. Parents/Guardians will conduct a student wellness check including taking temperatures and assessing their symptoms. Students with symptoms or temperatures above 100.4°F **must stay home**. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include one or more of the following:
  - 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 and/or diarrhea
2. All students should wash their hands before leaving for school.
  3. Any student riding the school bus **is required** to wear a face covering to be allowed on the bus.

### **Parent/Guardian General Expectations:**

1. If you need to come into a school building (to pick up your child, for example) you will be required to wear a face covering.
2. Follow posted guidelines and read all signage whenever entering a building.
3. Provide a clear water bottle for your student as water fountains will not be available for use.
4. Provide a face covering for your student.
5. Update all contact information in Final Forms for school staff. If your child is sick or running a fever of 100.4 F, he/she WILL be sent home. Please be sure you have multiple family members and/or family friends prepared to pick up your child from school.
6. No shared outside food (shared snacks, birthday treats, etc..) will be allowed to be brought in.
7. During remote learning times:
  - a. Monitor student progress on coursework.
  - b. Develop a “school schedule” to keep routines in place.
  - c. Communicate questions and concerns to teachers.

## **Student Expectations**

### **Transportation:**

1. Facial coverings **are required** to ride the bus. The district will have disposable masks for students, but in a very limited capacity.
2. Students will be required to sanitize hands when entering the bus with the district provided hand sanitizer dispenser.
3. Members of the same household will sit together.
4. Sit in an assigned seat.
5. Remain seated, facing forward, while riding the bus.
6. During the first semester, families must declare one consistent AM pick up location and one consistent PM drop off location. This reduces the need for students to have multiple seats assigned on different routes. This also helps with contact tracing, should that need arise.
7. NO bus passes will be accepted for students to ride alternate bus routes.

### **School Day (in-person):**

1. Wearing a facial covering is not required throughout the school day but is strongly recommended. When in classrooms working at your desk, facial coverings may be mandated to put on if working in extreme close proximity to others.
2. Enter and exit buildings through assigned/designated doors.
3. Your temperature may be taken.
4. Carry a clear water bottle as water fountains will not be available for use.
5. Wash hands and use hand sanitizer throughout the day and when directed to do so.
6. Follow all signage in the hallways and common areas.
7. When possible, stay to the right when traveling down hallways and using stairs.
8. Limit going to your locker by carrying multiple class materials at a time and report directly to class.
9. Sit in designated seats in the cafeteria and other common areas.

## **Remote learning:**

1. Attendance is required in remote learning situations. Evidence of participation will include daily logins to GOOGLE classroom, daily interactions with classroom teachers or assignment progress completion.
  2. Follow a regular “school schedule” to keep routines in place.
  3. Communicate questions and concerns immediately to teachers.
  4. Participate in virtual sessions with teachers as scheduled.
  5. Watch/read lessons provided by teachers and complete assignments according to timelines.
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## **General Information**

All staff will be required to check their own temperature upon arriving at school and this information will be logged daily. Staff with symptoms, or temperatures above 100.4° F must go home. Symptoms of COVID-19 may include one or more of the following:

- 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 and/or diarrhea

## **Transportation:**

1. Drivers will wear a face covering or shield.
2. Face coverings are required for students to ride the bus.
3. Students will be mandated to sanitize hands when entering the bus with the district provided hand sanitizer dispenser.
4. Members of the same household will sit together.
5. During the first semester, families must declare one consistent AM pick up location and one consistent PM drop off location. This reduces the need for students to have multiple seats assigned on different routes. This helps also with contact tracing, should that need arise.
6. NO bus passes will be accepted for students to ride alternate bus routes.
7. Students must remain seated, facing forward while riding the bus.
8. Seating charts will be maintained, and students will sit in assigned seats. (This will assist in contact tracing if that is needed.)
9. Drivers will sanitize buses after each route.
10. Ventilation in buses should be maximized through the use of windows (weather permitting).

## **Cafeteria:**

1. Cafeteria staff are required to wear a face covering or shield while preparing and serving food and operating registers.
2. Students are not mandated but strongly encouraged to wear a face covering while waiting in line and observe social distancing.
3. Students will wash or sanitize hands prior to eating lunch.
4. Occupancy will be decreased in the cafeteria by utilizing other spaces (Elementary gym, courtyards, libraries, etc...)
5. Seating capacity will be increased by adding more tables.

6. The number of students at each lunch table will be limited.
7. Lunches will have staggered release times to space out students waiting in lines.
8. Tables/seats will be cleaned and sanitized between lunch periods.
9. Seating will be assigned.
10. No self-serve options will be available.

### **Daily Cleaning of classrooms and common areas:**

1. All common areas will be cleaned throughout the day.
2. There will be daily cleaning protocols for all buildings - before, during and after school.
3. All classrooms, work areas and building entrances will have hand sanitizer dispensers.
4. Staff will use supplies provided to spray and clean desks, chairs, and any common materials needed before new students transition into rooms.

### **School Day:**

1. Classrooms will be cleared of as many items as possible to provide more space for distancing.
2. Desks will be arranged to provide maximum distance for students.
3. Items on walls, tables, shelves will be minimized for ease of cleaning purposes. Desks will be spaced apart to the extent possible to achieve 6 feet of social distancing whenever possible, however, students will be separated by a minimum of 3 feet.
4. Shared classroom materials will be eliminated as much as possible and if items must be shared, they will be sanitized after each use.
5. Classroom doors will stay open to allow for better air flow and to reduce contact with a high-touch surface.
6. Regular hand washing will be encouraged, and hand sanitizer will be available in every classroom.
7. Certain educators may move between classrooms rather than the students switching rooms.
8. Field trips will be canceled for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or until the district deems it safe unless academically related to the course.
9. There will be no events where outside food is brought in.
10. No classroom volunteers for the 1<sup>st</sup> semester or until the district deems it safe.
11. School staff will wear a face covering or shield that covers the nose, mouth and chin. School staff are not required to wear a face covering/shield when working alone in their assigned work area or if they have a documented health or medical reason, approved by a physician and superintendent (forms available from the school nurse).
12. Students and staff will be encouraged to maintain physical distance whenever possible.
13. Students are to report immediately to class, following safety protocols, and not congregate in halls.
14. The number of students on the playground will be limited. Staff will supervise playgrounds during recess and plan structured recess activities when possible.

### **Remote Learning:**

1. Teachers will create lessons that are engaging for students, using a variety of strategies.
2. Teachers will be available for office hours daily.
3. Teachers will use Google Classroom as the platform for all assignments, links to resources, etc.
4. Teachers will grade work in a timely manner and provide feedback to students on assignments.

# **Online Learning Option**

Northmor Virtual Learning Academy  
All Online At Home

- This option is different from what students experienced during remote learning last spring.
- Students participating in this option will be using an online curriculum and platform.
- Students need to be a highly motivated self starter in this learning option.
- Students will not come to a school building for instruction.
- Students and parents must commit to this type of learning by semester.
- Students are required to login and complete their schoolwork daily for their daily state required attendance under HB 410.
- It is recommended students follow a schedule to complete online learning, assignments, and assessments.
- The online curriculum will meet the same standards set by the state of Ohio, but it will not necessarily match the same pacing or activities that are delivered in school buildings.
- Students will have access to courses in all core areas (English language arts, mathematics, sciences, and social studies)
- Students may also have limited access to special area courses (K-6) and elective courses (7-12).
- Students should communicate questions and concerns immediately to the teacher of record.
- Students will earn grades for their work.
- The teacher of record will make regular contact with the student for support.
- If state or local regulations require a school closure, students participating in this option will continue as scheduled, and will continue to use the online curriculum and platform.
- Students may continue to participate in after-school/extra-curricular activities at the school buildings. Band/choir are not included as they are co-curricular.
- If you have additional questions, please contact Ann Pfister, [pfister.ann@northmor.k12.oh.us](mailto:pfister.ann@northmor.k12.oh.us)

**To enroll in the online academy,  
please email the full name and grade level of each child to:**

**Ann Pfister  
District Testing and VLA Coordinator  
[pfister.ann@northmor.k12.oh.us](mailto:pfister.ann@northmor.k12.oh.us)**

**You must email your intent to enroll in the Online Academy by  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020.**