These general principles will guide Fairlawn as we move forward with re-opening school:

1. We will implement recommended safety protocols to the highest degree possible given our need to educate all students.
2. We will work closely with the local health department to promote safety in our school building.
3. We will be transparent with all stakeholders that some level of risk will always be present when children and school district employees occupy school district facilities.
4. We recognize the need for consistency in areas of operations while recognizing that individual differences in classroom sizes, school facilities, and building operations may lead to some inconsistencies. Our goal is to social distance as much as possible.
5. Based on Governor’s orders, all staff members will wear face coverings.
6. This plan is fluid and will change as new guidelines and government directives are put into place.

**Daily Self-Monitoring**
- Students’ temperature and health should be monitored daily before coming to school.

**Student Illnesses at Home**
- Any student with a fever over 100 F must stay home.
- Any student that has the following symptoms of COVID-19 should stay home from school and should see their primary care provider to be assessed for COVID-19:
  - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing,
  - OR
  - Two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI issues (nausea or vomiting or diarrhea),
  - OR
  - Any of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing, fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, GI Issues (nausea and vomiting or diarrhea) AND an epidemiological link to a case of COVID-19.

- If a student is diagnosed as having COVID-19, they must meet the following criteria to return to school:
  - 3 days with no fever (without using fever reducing medication) AND
  - Other symptoms improved AND
10 days since symptoms first appeared

- Students that only have a fever and no other symptoms and have not had any contact with an individual that has COVID-19 may return to school after they are fever free for 24 hours without using any fever reducing medications.
- Any other illnesses should be handled in the routine manner.

**Student with signs of Illness at School**

- Any student diagnosed with a fever of 100F will be sent home.
- Any student with flu like symptoms will also be sent home.
- The duration of home stay for a child sent home with a fever and not diagnosed with COVID-19 is the student must be fever free (without medication) for 24 hours AND improvement of all other symptoms.
- Students sent home by the school with flu like symptoms not deemed Covid-19 will be checked personally by the school nurse prior to return to class.

**Communications when a student/staff member has been diagnosed with a COVID-19 positive case**

- Communication will be developed by the Health Department, not the school district. A common template will be developed to include the following:
  - Specify to parents/guardians which classroom/bus/school/other activity the confirmed case was in (ex. Mr. Smith). Necessary and appropriate information will be shared with staff.
  - The school district will cooperate with the Health Department’s work in social tracing.
  - Any determination of quarantine will be determined by the Shelby County Board of Health.
  - The Shelby County Board of Health will write a letter for the school district to use and the letter will explain/define what is exposure that results in quarantine.
  - The school building will be cleaned thoroughly in the evening and in the morning prior to returning to school.

**Food Service**

- Fairlawn will offer food service. Logistics will be determined to follow the Health Department based on:
  - Limited capacity/occupancy of the school cafeteria for social distancing
  - Alternative locations for student dining if needed
  - No self-service
  - Individual condiments
  - Students will be recommended and have opportunities to sanitize hands prior to lunch
  - Cafeteria will be cleaned between each lunch session (tables/chairs).

**Classroom Occupancy**

- Districts will inform parents/guardians that safety protocols are in place but any student who attends school will incur some level of risk. Districts will decrease the likelihood of infection with hygiene, cleaning, and safety procedures, but being in a public place has a certain level of risk that cannot be eliminated.
- Classroom occupancy will be determined based on each individual circumstance with the maximum amount of safety considerations possible.
- Face coverings are recommended for all students.
- School employees will be required to use a face covering and will be provided upon request.

**Remote Learning**
- School districts will offer remote learning options for families who do not wish to send their child to school.
- Fairlawn recognizes that online learning is not as good as in person learning for students.

**Visitors/Volunteers/Parties:**
- To limit building capacity and reduce exposure, visitors are generally discouraged from being in school buildings.
- Safety protocols such as taking temperatures and health screening questions will be implemented for all visitors.

**Transportation**
- Parents who utilize school transportation must understand there exists some inherent risk.
- Parents are encouraged to transport their bus riding children when possible.
- Parents should establish back up plans for transporting students in the event transportation must be adjusted.
- We will allow two students per seat.
- We will attempt to seat children from the same household together.
- In some instances, three students will be allowed per seat if the children are younger and from the same household.
- Students will load the bus from back to front and be released from front to back.
- Face coverings are recommended for students.
- Face coverings are required for drivers and will be provided upon request.

**Recess**
- We will make every effort to maintain consistency with other safety procedures.
- We may limit student access to certain pieces of playground equipment and restrict activities that are “high touch” and difficult to clean or maintain social distancing.
- Students should sanitize their hands after recess.
- Students do not have to attend recess if requested by parents/guardians.

**Water Fountains**
- Water fountains will be deactivated in the building and replaced with bottle filler models.
- Students are encouraged to bring individual water bottles to use during school. It is highly recommended that these are labeled with the student’s name.
- No sharing of water bottles will be allowed.

**Cleaning**
- Cleaning will be a top priority throughout the school year.
- All Classrooms will be sanitized daily.
- Cafeteria will be cleaned between each lunch session.
- Buses will be sanitized daily.
**Gathering at school**
- Districts will develop safety protocols for school events.
- Districts will communicate the safety protocols to visitors prior to the event, with the understanding that any visitor who attends the event will incur some level of risk.
- Gatherings at school-based events may be modified or canceled at the discretion of the Superintendent with minimal notice.

**Sporting Events**
- Districts will develop protocols based on the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) protocols and guidelines for all athletic activities, practices, and competitions.

**Universal Safety Precautions**
- Students, staff members, support workers, and volunteers should practice frequent handwashing for at least 20 seconds.
- Each school will provide opportunities for handwashing throughout the day.
- Hand sanitizer (at least 60-95% alcohol based) will be provided in high traffic areas, including but not limited to, entrances to the building, classrooms, cafeteria, and gymnasium.
- All students, staff members, support workers, and volunteers should avoid touching their mouths, noses, and eyes since the virus easily enters the body through these membranes.
- Signs, posters, and other methods to reinforce the importance of frequent hand washing and sanitizing, and proper prevention strategies will be posted throughout each school building.