



Our Mission: Supporting people with disabilities and their families

Stark DD Preschool, School Age Programs go to remote learning

December 9, 2020

Dear Parents:

The effects of the pandemic are increasing and affecting more people we support and staff than ever before:

- sharp increase in the number of COVID-19 cases in just one week;
- Stark county continuing at Level 4/purple, the highest level of the COVID-19 Public Health Advisory System;
- Stark DD staff needing to quarantine due to close contacts (today we have 29 school staff quarantined) and the staffing issues this creates.

Therefore, we will go to remote learning effective Monday, December 14, 2020, and will continue this type of learning after the winter break through Monday, January 18, 2021.

We are proactively taking this significant action to reduce interactions between students and staff, and not contribute to the community spread in our county. We are planning to return to in-person classes on Tuesday, January 19, 2021.

We recognize the hardship this creates and we want to assist you. We will deliver meals and lesson plans to your home. School Age students will be provided computers to assist with his or her remote learning education. Governor DeWine has established financial assistance for remote learning that we will help you access, as well as make additional resources available through our Family Support Services program to address other needs you have. Please let your teacher or principal know how best we can support you and your child's educational needs during this time.

We know the vaccine brings us all hope and encouragement for a better New Year, but until it can be widely distributed, we anticipate the weeks ahead being the most challenging we have seen. Thank you for helping to keep people safe and to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

I have been closing all of my recent correspondence with the words of Simon Sinek, leadership consultant and author, because his words resonate always, but especially in the midst of a pandemic, he says, *"take care of yourself, and take care of each other."* Words we each can live by.

Sincerely,

Bill Green, Superintendent

Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Daily Home Screening Checklist

Section 1: Symptoms

If your child has any of the following symptoms, it may indicate a possible illness that may decrease the student's ability to learn and also put them at risk for spreading an illness to others. Please check your child for these symptoms daily.

- Temperature of 100 degrees or higher
- Felt feverish
- Sore throat
- Congestion
- Runny nose
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Wheezing
- Chest pain
- Diarrhea
- Headache
- Rigors (shakes)
- Chills
- Nausea or vomiting
- Abdominal pain
- Muscle or body aches
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue

Section 2: Close Contact/Potential Exposure

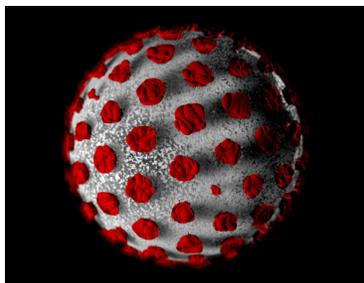
- Had close contact (within 6 feet of an infected person for at least 15 minutes) with a person with confirmed COVID-19
- Traveled to a hot spot in the United States according to the travel advisory at [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or an international hot spot according to travel guidance on [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov) (subject to change daily or weekly)

Notes: _____

IMPORTANT*:

If a student answers YES to any of the questions in Section 1 or YES to any of the questions in Section 2, the student should be referred for evaluation to their health care provider and be called off from school.

StarkHealth.org



RS Southgate School families can monitor updated COVID-19 cases and those in quarantine by visiting our **Stark DD COVID-19** dashboard on our website.

Additional resources from the Stark County Health Department can also be accessed here.

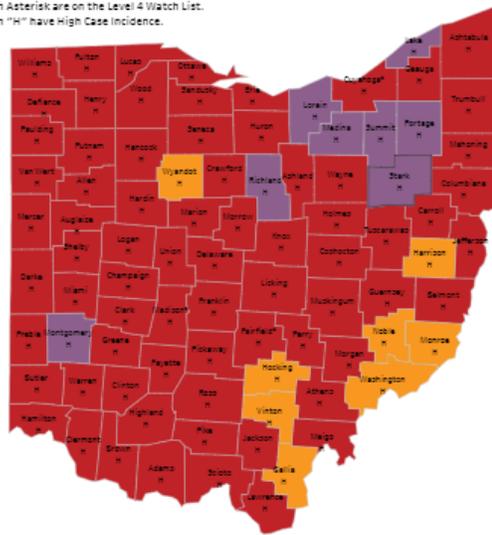
Keep up-to-date on Ohio statistics

This map of the Ohio Public Health Advisory System represents updates through December 3, 2020.

Learn more about the current COVID-19 trends occurring in our state as tracked by the Ohio Department of Health:

- [Ohio School Dashboard](#)
- [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#)
- [Cases by Zip Code Dashboard](#)

Counties with an Asterisk are on the Level 4 Watch List.
Counties with an "H" have High Case Incidence.



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