

Soaring Back to School 2020

Avon FAQ's for School Reopening

When is the first day of school? All students in PreK - 12 will begin on August 27.

If students choose the digital learning option, can I opt out mid-semester? No. You must commit for the entire semester (January 15) for the digital learning option. However, you may choose to come back to the building for the second semester. The January 15th date also applies to AELC and East, who are on trimesters.

Can one family member attend school in-person and another family member choose the digital option, or is it all one choice per family? Yes, different decisions can be made for each child.

Can my child, who is a digital learner, still participate in extracurricular activities? Yes. The same considerations are in effect. Students must maintain eligibility requirements. Some extracurricular activities may be limited or canceled this year.

Can my child wear a face covering that I provide? Yes we welcome parents to provide face coverings for their child(ren). If a child doesn't have a face covering, one will be provided.

What does "face covering" mean? Face coverings include masks, face shields and gaiters. The face covering must cover the nose and mouth.

Will students be given a mask break during the day? Yes. We will do our best to provide breaks.

What if my child cannot wear a face covering because of a medical condition? Any student who cannot wear a face covering due to a medical condition must have documentation from a health care provider. These situations will be addressed case-by-case to determine the course(s) of action that will provide them and those in contact with them the greatest possible protection.

Will before/after care (Eagles N.E.S.T.) still be offered? Yes, please refer to: <https://www.avonlocalschools.org/about-us/eagles-nest> for more information.

What resources will be available this year to support student mental health and wellness? Our staff is always the best first contact for mental health and wellness. Other district resources (school counselors, psychologist and social worker) and the county health department will be available.

How would you see PTA and Booster groups supporting the schools during this time when volunteers are unable to enter the building? Applying to be substitutes in the district if possible. Checking with building principals and helping provide supplies if needed to limit sharing.

What happens if a student or staff member begins to show symptoms of illness while at school? Students or staff that show symptoms or develop a fever while at school will be removed from contact with others and the health department will be consulted.

How will a positive case of COVID-19 or close-contact to a positive case of COVID-19 be handled? All COVID-19 cases and determining who is a close contact, will be handled by the Lorain County Public Health Department.

How will we be notified if our child has been exposed to COVID? This will be done in conjunction with the health department and their contact tracing process.

If teacher and staff COVID-19 absenteeism outpaces available substitutes, what is the plan? We understand substitute teachers may be difficult to secure. We have worked to secure additional subs. There are several creative solutions we have used prior to this situation. There are endless “what if’s” with this question and we have to handle these situations as they arise.