

Monroe Local School District 2020-2021 Restart/Reopen Plan

Hornet Parent Update: August 18, 2020

First Day of School

Whether a student is starting in our Virtual Learning Academy, in-person, or remotely, the first day of school for all Monroe students is Monday, August 24.

Back-to-School Virtual Forum

Monroe Principals will be hosting a YouTube Live information session and Q&A on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m.

New Health Protocols

Parents will be called to pick up their child from school immediately if they have a temperature (100°F or above) and/or any of the symptoms listed below.

Transportation Forms

If your child plans to be a bus rider, please complete your transportation forms as soon as possible in OneView. You can check your child's bus route on our district app.

YouTube Live Virtual Forum Tonight

Monroe Principals will be hosting a [YouTube Live](#) information session and Q&A on Tuesday, August 18, at 6:30 p.m. Principals will give an overview of the new school year and address questions submitted by parents in advance. A recording of the session will be posted on our website.

First Day of School

Starting the school year with our hybrid model means the first day of school will begin remotely for some of our Hornets. Students with last names beginning with L-Z will be starting school remotely on the first day. Whether a student is starting in our Virtual Learning Academy, in-person, or remotely, the first day of school for all Monroe students is Monday, August 24.

Transportation Update

If you have not completed your transportation forms in OneView, please do so immediately. If you have selected to be a bus rider, you can check your bus route stop location and timing information by checking our [bus app](#) after August 19. Because of the volume of changes and new enrollments it is highly likely that your time will still be adjusted as our transportation team works through finalizing routes for new students. Please check the app again before your first bus day as routing adjustments occur occasionally as we balance busses to deal with new enrollments. If you have any questions, please contact our Transportation Office at (513) 539-0324.

Annual Forms

Annual forms must be completed on [OneView](#) before school starts on August 24. If you have not updated this information, please do so as soon as possible. We are required to have these student forms on file. The district will be communicating with parents/guardians based on this information, so it is essential that your child's information is up-to-date.

Reminder: New Health Protocols

Parents will be called to pick up their child from school if they have a temperature (100°F or above) and/or any of the following symptoms:

- sore throat;
- new uncontrolled cough that causes difficulty breathing (for student with chronic allergic/asthmatic cough, a change in their cough from baseline);
- diarrhea, vomiting, or abdominal pain;
- new onset of severe headaches, especially with a fever during the school day.

Please be sure your contact information is up-to-date in the event we need to contact you. We ask that you arrive promptly at school and ensure that there are multiple pre-arranged methods of getting your child home.

COVID-19 Self-Assessment Tool

Under the guidelines of the CDC, the Mayo Clinic has developed an online tool to help assess symptoms of COVID-19 with guidance on when to seek testing. Contact your child's health care provider for advice if they have any of these symptoms or have been in close contact with someone with lab-confirmed COVID-19. Close contact means being within 6 feet of that person for over 5 minutes or having direct contact with their mucus or saliva.

Symptoms of COVID-19 include new:

- Fever
- Cough or sore throat
- Shortness of breath or trouble breathing
- Chills or repeated shaking with chills
- Muscle aches
- Nausea, vomiting or diarrhea
- Loss of smell or taste, or a change in taste
- Headache

<https://www.mayoclinic.org/covid-19-self-assessment-tool>

Face Covering Policy

The Monroe Board of Education has passed a policy on face coverings detailed at the link below. The Board is committed to providing students, teachers, staff, and visitors with a safe and healthy environment. In order to maintain a healthy environment, the Board will follow the mandates and requirements set forth by the federal government, Centers for Disease Control (CDC), Ohio Governor, Ohio State Health Department, Butler County Health Department, Ohio Department of Education (ODE), and other entities as it relates to protecting the health of students, teachers, and staff.

[Board Policy on Face Coverings](#)

Reopening Plan Update

District expectations on recess for our primary and elementary students have been added on page 12 of the [Monroe Restart/Reopen Operating Plans](#).

Recess will be offered for primary and elementary students under the following guidelines:

- All students will use hand sanitizer on the way out of the building to recess.

- Students must wear masks in areas of possible congregation.
- Students who choose individual or socially-distanced activities not on the playground equipment may remove their masks.
- Students must follow physical-distancing protocols as much as possible when on the playground.
- Playground equipment will be able to be used

Reopening Videos

Over the last five weeks, Monroe School District has shared videos on important topics related to the reopening of school. Click on the links below to view these videos.

- MLS Restart/Reopen: [Health & Safety Protocols](#)
- MLS Restart/Reopen: [Mental Health Services](#)
- MLS Restart/Reopen: [New Learning Models](#)
- MLS Restart/Reopen: [Zoom and Technology Resources](#)
- MLS Restart/Reopen: [Google Classroom](#)

Important Dates

August 18	Parent Information Session (YouTube Live) 6:30-7:30 p.m.
August 24	First day of school for all Monroe students
August 25	Elementary (Grades 2-6) Fall Pictures Students attend Monday and Tuesday
August 26	Elementary (Grades 2-6) Fall Pictures Students attend Monroe Virtual Learning Academy
August 28	Elementary (Grades 2-6) Fall Pictures Students attend Thursday and Friday