

Bright Local Parents and Community,

I want to take this opportunity to thank the Bright Local School District, students and parents for their continued patience and support. I am excited about the opening of the schools in person, five days a week, beginning on August 18th. As we prepare for the opening of school, we must recognize the COVID-19 virus is still a concern to the safety and welfare of our students and staff. Therefore, the Bright Local Schools will implement the following safety protocols as recommended by the CDC and the ODH.

- It is recommended that all students and staff members over 12 years of age receive a COVID-19 vaccination.
- It is highly recommended by the CDC, but not mandated by Bright Local Schools, that students and staff that are not fully vaccinated wear a mask while in the building.
- Under current federal orders, students and staff are required to wear masks on school buses, vaccinated or not vaccinated.
- We will continue to disinfect and sanitize common areas including classrooms and buses on a regular basis.
- We will continue to monitor student health checks on a daily basis and will work closely with the Highland County Health Department regarding contact tracing and quarantine protocols. Any student that tests positive or is identified as a close contact will be quarantined for 10 days or after 7 days, if they have received a negative viral (PCR or antigen) test that was performed at least 5 days after exposure.
- If you have a temperature at home, or are sick please do not come to school! Anyone having had a fever over 100 degrees cannot return to school until they are fever free without medication for 48 hours.
- The Governor and the CDC recommends that every child should attend school for in-person learning. Therefore, the Bright Local Schools will not be offering any virtual learning platforms for the 2021-2022 school year.

These guidelines are subject to change based on any possible outbreaks or changes made by CDC, ODH or the Highland County Health Department.

Michael Bick, Superintendent
Bright Local Schools