



Dear Governing Board Members and Maritime Families:

As I mentioned at the last board meeting we are having difficulty with coronavirus. At this point, (which could change) we have zero cases of transmission of COVID between students or staff in the school, however. We do have several positive cases because as you know there are no mandates or social distancing requirements for the general public right now (As can be evidenced by watching college football games). We cannot, nor should we, control what our staff and students do after they leave this building. Due to this, we have implemented several procedures to effectively screen and exclude from school (quarantine) individuals who may be positive or had close contact with a positive person.

This automated text message to our families highlights some items:

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Dear Maritime Family:

Coronavirus cases have risen significantly in Ohio in the past week and we are continually taking steps to keep students and staff safe. We are requiring students and staff to wear masks, wash their hands frequently, and are taking measures for designated students to work at home (for a very short period of time) to help prevent any spread from happening at the school. The main issue is that when students and staff leave the school we cannot control or prevent who they are in contact with in their personal lives nor should we control that anyhow. The following are different measures we are taking to help prevent the spread of coronavirus in our school:

- 1). We have developed and follow Lucas County Health Department procedures for student "quarantine" if determined necessary by our school nurse and Superintendent.
- 2). We have appointed a distance learning coordinator to provide direction and guidance during "quarantine" for students who are out of school. Note: This is for a very short period of time as we do not have remote instruction.
- 3). We are installing a new filtering system at our school that has been determined to be 99% effective against COVID and other viruses.
- 4). We are installing hands free water bottle filling systems.
- 5). We require all persons in the school to wear a mask at all times.

Each week on Friday I will give a weekly health update concerning COVID.

Thank you,

Aaron Lusk- Superintendent

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We have also implemented a screening process for students, staff, and visitors before they enter the building. This includes, temperature checks, screening questions, and a parent checklist sent out to all families.

Screening Questions:



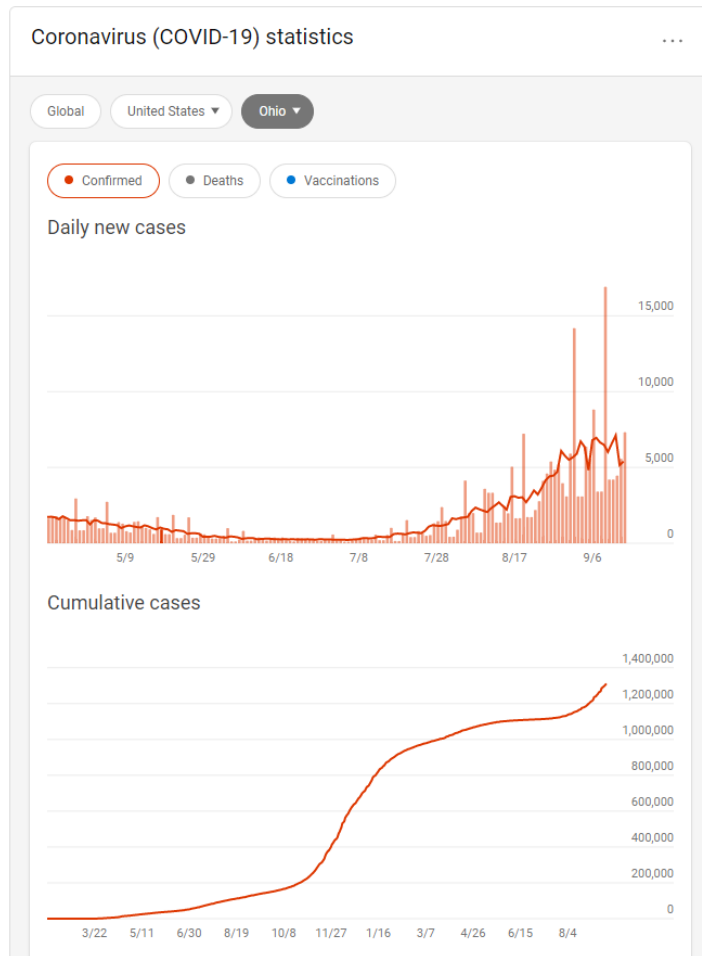
### COVID Screening Questions for Cadets, Staff, Visitors

1. Do you have any of these symptoms that are not caused by another condition?
  - Fever or chills • Cough • Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing • Fatigue
  - Muscle or body aches • Headache • Recent loss of taste or smell
  - Sore throat • Congestion • Nausea or vomiting • Diarrhea
2. Have you been in close contact with anyone with COVID19 in the past 14 days? Close contact is being within 6 feet for 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with a person; or having direct contact with fluids from a person with COVID-19 with or without wearing a mask (i.e., being coughed or sneezed on).
3. Have you had a positive COVID-19 test for active virus in the past 10 days, or are you awaiting results of a COVID-19 test?
4. Within the past 14 days, has a public health or medical professional told you to self-monitor, self-isolate, or self-quarantine because of concerns about COVID-19 infection?



We also focus on five areas to help manage and prevent the spread of COVID.

**First:** Current data on Coronavirus in Ohio.



Tracking Coronavirus by County in Ohio

24/7 Wall St.

Data is collected from multiple sources that update at different times and may not always align. Some locations may not provide complete information.

Ohio cases

Updated Sep 16 at 3:53 PM local

Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered
1,327,614	21,265	-
+16,096		

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	CONFIRMED	DEATHS	RECOVERED
Franklin	148,064	1,537	-
Cuyahoga	131,120	2,313	-
Hamilton	94,887	1,307	-
Montgomery	64,745	1,122	-
Summit	54,853	1,041	-
Lucas	49,502	853	-
Butler	45,993	649	-
Stark	39,954	963	-
Lorain	30,438	525	-
Warren	29,170	326	-

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United States cases

Updated Sep 16 at 3:53 PM local

Confirmed	Deaths	Recovered
42,160,073	677,250	-
+191,200	+2,440	

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### Coronavirus Procedures and Guidelines:

Five key prevention strategies are essential to safe delivery of in-person instruction and help to prevent COVID-19 transmission in schools:

1. Universal and correct use of masks
2. Physical distancing
3. Handwashing and respiratory etiquette
4. Cleaning and maintaining healthy facilities
5. Contact tracing in combination with isolation and quarantine

### Core Principles:

#### 1). Core Principles for Masks

Require consistent and correct use of [well-fitting](#) face [masks](#) with proper filtration by all students, teachers, and staff to prevent SARS-CoV-2 [transmission through respiratory droplets](#). Masks should be worn at all times, by all people in school facilities, with certain exceptions for certain people, or for certain settings or activities, such as while eating or drinking. Masks should be required in all classroom and non-classroom settings, including hallways, school offices, restrooms, gyms, auditoriums, etc.

- A. Beginning 08/23/2021 all students and staff must wear masks when on school property.

#### 2). Physical Distancing

The Maritime Academy will establish school policies and implement structural interventions to promote physical distance between people.

- A. We are doing the best we can with physical distancing but it becomes difficult in the limited amount of space we have in our building.

#### 3). Handwashing and Respiratory Etiquette

The Maritime Academy of Toledo will teach children proper handwashing and reinforce behaviors, through ongoing health education units and lessons, and provide adequate supplies. Ensure that teachers and staff use proper handwashing and respiratory etiquette.

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#### 4). Cleaning and Maintaining Healthy Facilities

The Maritime Academy of Toledo will make changes to physical spaces to maintain a healthy environment and facilities.

- A. We are in the process of purchasing a filtering system for our heating and cooling system which is 99% effective against the coronavirus and other viruses that causes sickness.
- B. Routinely clean high-touch surfaces (such as doorknobs and light switches).

5). Contact Tracing in Combination with Isolation and Quarantine


- A. The Maritime Academy of Toledo utilizes our fifth floor, unoccupied by other students, to quarantine anyone that has possible COVID.
- B. We also have rapid COVID tests that allow for immediate testing of students who display COVID symptoms.

Lucas County Health Department Guidelines:





## School Quarantine Guidance

Universal masking is recommended to reduce the exposure risk to all people in the classroom setting.

***If symptoms develop for any scenario, isolate and get a COVID test.***



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If the exposed student was:	Then they should:
Vaccinated, regardless of masking and distancing. 	Wear a mask indoors around others for 14 days and symptom monitor.
 Distanced 3-6ft* from COVID+ Student and masked	Monitor for symptoms for 14 days.
Less than 3ft* from COVID+ student, masked or unmasked 	Quarantine for a minimum of 10 days with four days of symptom monitoring.
 Unmasked within 6ft of a COVID+ student	Quarantine for a minimum of 10 days with four days of symptom monitoring.

\*only applies to classroom/bus exposures, any other exposure uses 6 ft.

= Stay in-person
 = Stay home

Statistics for COVID at The Maritime Academy	
Quarantine #	Positive #
52	5