

Fairway Preschool Restart Plan

Introduction

Effective March 16, 2020, Fairway Preschool program operated by Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) transitioned from in-class services to remote learning due to the COVID -19 Pandemic and orders of the Ohio Health Director and Governor. Children did not attend Fairway and distance learning occurred for the balance of the school year.

Effective September 1st, 2020, Fairway Preschool will resume instruction in the building Monday – Thursday. In the event there is an increase in confirmed viruses in Crawford County that affects Fairway with an overwhelming number of students or staff quarantined, it is always possible that Fairway may be closed with minimum advance notice and all services will again be offered virtually/remotely. We encourage all staff, students, and families to maintain personal “back-up” plans in the event circumstances change.

*This current restart plan is subject to change at any time throughout the school year, with minimal notice due to new state orders.

General Guidelines

Opt Out options for Students

It is strongly recommend that each student / family consider the risks / benefits of physically returning to school. If students / family members choose to opt out of physically attending Fairway we ask that they contact Fairway to let them know. If you child is on an IEP you also must contact your local school district for further instructions. Fairway does not provide itinerate programming.

Alert Level System

The Ohio Department of Health has established an Alert Level System for counties in Ohio. School Districts in Crawford County have worked with the Crawford County Health Department to ensure that plans are acceptable. Below outlines Fairway’s response to Crawford County’s alert level. Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities (CCBDD) will follow specific guidance from the Crawford County Health Department as to appropriate response to situations affecting Fairway Preschool. School staff may be assigned to work from home if we are on purple level or deemed to have a substantial risk. Upon designation of a Level 3 (red) risk level, Fairway will confer with Crawford County Public Health Department to determine if the indicators that caused the increase in risk level impact the health and safety of those attending Fairway and if there is a need to implement alternate scheduled or distance learning.

A. Crawford County Risk levels; Yellow and Orange

1. Fairway will operate 4 full days a week with face to face instruction.
2. All school staff and visitors must wear facial coverings unless it is unsafe to do so or where doing so would significantly interfere with the learning process. Exceptions include:
 1. Facial coverings in the school setting are prohibited by law or regulation.
 2. Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards.
 3. Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons.
 4. Facial coverings are in violation of the school's documented safety policies.
 5. Facial coverings are not required when the staff works alone in an assigned work area.
 6. There is a functional (practical) reason for a staff member or volunteer to not wear a facial covering in the workplace.
3. Follow Crawford County Public Health Guidance.

B. Crawford County Risk level Red:

Continue meeting at Fairway four full days per week with all same precautions as Risk level's Yellow and Orange unless we have direction from the state to suspend learning in person and go to virtual learning with the additional precautions of:

1. Visitors and volunteers are only allowed under specific exceptions.
2. Some activities within the school setting where staff/students share common areas may be limited to avoid shared space and lower the risk of spreading germs (i.e. gym area and/or outside playground equipment)

C. Crawford County Risk level Purple:

1. If Crawford County reaches alert level Purple or if the Health Department determines there is a significant risk level at Fairway all learning will take place Remotely (no one will physically show up to Fairway). Teachers and support staff will provide instruction remotely to families, this may include instruction through a variety of methods; paper packets, phone calls, virtual lessons/activities individually or small group, pre-recorded activities/lessons with link, etc. If your child is on an IEP, they will also be receiving their services listed on the IEP in a similar manner teachers will reach out to families to work with them to ensure they receive instructions in a manner in which they can access. If families have questions or concerns please reach out to your child's teacher.

Protocol When Positive COVID-19 Test or "Contact"

If a student or staff member tests positive for the COVID-19 virus, they will be contacted by the Health Department with specific instructions. The person will not attend preschool and should be isolated for at least 10 days since symptoms appeared and there has been a 72-hour fever free period and respiratory symptoms have improved (without medication).

If a student or staff member is determined by the health department to have been in “contact” with a person who has the virus, the individual will not attend preschool and should be quarantined for fourteen days. “Contact” is defined as being within 6 feet of a person with the COVID-19 virus for a period of 15 minutes within the past 48 hours. For example, a person who rides the bus or sits in a classroom within 6 feet of a person with the virus for 15 minutes, the person would be considered a “contact” and would be advised to be quarantined for a total of 14 days. If the person later learns that he/she tests positive for the virus, then the isolation protocol would begin. If a person has “contact” with a person who had “contact,” this person does not require quarantine. Anyone who the Health Department has determined to have been in “contact” with a person with the virus will be notified by the Health Department.

Class Format

Preschool classes at Fairway (Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities) will re-start on September 1st. Staff will return on August 17, 2020. Families will be contacted with start dates, classroom teacher info, and specific instructions for daily procedures.

The preschool classes will continue to have inclusive enrollment including students with and without disabilities. The preschool will follow the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health guidance which includes, but is not limited to; greater social/physical distancing, rigid cleaning, adjustment in daily schedules, limited access to supplies and materials and reduction in class size.

Transportation

1. Students / Families who choose the transportation option will be transported by Ohio Specialty Services (OSS). It is the family’s responsibility to complete their own child’s health assessment at home before putting them on the bus paying close attention to symptoms including, taking their temperature. If the students temperature is 100 degrees or higher do not send the student to school. If the student has a temperature of 100 degrees or greater, he/she will not be transported to preschool. Students will also have their temperatures taken upon arrival to school from the bus.
2. Students who are being transported to school by family members will be required to have their temperatures taken as soon as they arrive to the school. A drop off procedure will followed and provided to the parents before the start of the school year. Parents / family members are asked to monitor their child’s health to be sure he/she is not showing symptoms of the COVID-19 virus. If the student has a temperature of over 100 degrees, coughing, shortness of breath, or other breathing issues, the student should not be sent to preschool. If these symptoms are apparent when the student is in class, the family will be asked to pick up the student from Fairway as soon as possible.
3. No more than one student will be on each seat on the bus, except for family members who can sit together. Efforts will be made to seat/space students at least six feet apart. Fortunately, the OSS

school buses are larger due to the need for wheelchair lifts, so social/physical distance will be easier. The students will be loaded and unloaded strategically to reduce close contact with other on the bus. The number of students on a bus route is also lower than typical school routes since services are provided door-to-door. Transportation staff will wear face coverings.

Face Coverings

For preschool students, face coverings are not required. If a student/family makes the decisions to wear one it will be allowed and we ask that the child's mask is labeled with their name. All staff and visitors are required to wear mask while on school grounds.

Cleaning / Sanitizing

Cleaning / Sanitizing will be an important aspect of daily routines. Sanitizing stations will be established at the entrances of the school, throughout the building, and in each classroom. Students and staff will be required to wash their hands frequently. Classrooms, furniture, materials and buses will also be cleaned/sanitized/disinfected on a regular basis and each evening the building will receive a thorough cleaning. Maintenance/custodial personnel, teachers, assistants, transportation staff and other staff will all be responsible for sanitizing on a regular basis. Parents/family members are also encouraged to practice and teach proper handwashing (at least 20 seconds).