



THE PAULA & ANTHONY
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 **YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY**

2021-2022 Plan of Action

The following plan outlines learning options, safety measures, and best practices for daily operations at The Rich Center for Autism at Fedor Hall, beginning June 28, 2021. Adherence to state and local regulations remains a priority and may result in amendments to this plan.

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Rich Center Families, Teachers, and Staff,

Since mid-March of 2020, we were faced with unprecedented times as a world, nation, and school community. Flexibility, patience, and new learning have been and continue to remain themes throughout this time period. Families, please continue to trust us in making your child(ren)'s school experience a safe and meaningful one. In addition, we are asking for your continued partnership in carrying this out. Following state, local, and Youngstown State University guidelines, the following is our Plan of Action for the 2021-2022 school year. As a school community, we thank you for your continued understanding and trust.

Thank you,

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Health and Safety Guidelines for 2021-2022 Academic Year

Health Monitoring

- If a staff member or student has been diagnosed with COVID-19, they should contact The Rich Center (330) 941-1927 or Nurse Ashley Smith (330) 941-2315 as soon as possible. Employees should complete the COVID Reporting Form found on YSU's website so contact tracing procedures can commence.
- If a student becomes sick, the student will be removed from the classroom setting and relocated to the nurse's office. Parents/caregivers will be contacted when a student meets the ODJFS criteria to be sent home.
- Along with YSU EOHS office and the local Department of Health, all guidelines for notification and contact tracing will be adhered to on a case by case basis. Information/guidance from YSU EOHS will be utilized regarding decisions for student/staff attendance and/or possible classroom/school closures.
- The school nurse will monitor updates regarding preventative practices and good hygiene as they are recommended by federal, state, local, and university health officials.

Vaccinated Individuals (YSU Guidelines)

- Individuals who have been fully vaccinated* are no longer required to wear a face covering while on campus and resume activities without staying 6 feet apart.
- If you travel in the United States, you do not need to get tested before or after travel or self-quarantine after travel.
- If you've been around someone who has COVID-19, you do not need to stay away from others or get tested unless you have symptoms.

Unvaccinated Individuals (YSU Guidelines)

- Wear a face covering and maintain social distancing while on campus.
- Stay 6 feet apart from others who don't live with you.
- Get a COVID-19 vaccine when it is available to you.
- Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated indoor spaces.

Drop-Off Procedures (Monday – Friday, 8:30 – 8:50 AM)

- Parents/caregivers, please stay in your car until a staff member approaches to take your child(ren)'s temperature while inside the vehicle.
- Student temperatures will be taken before exiting their cars. Any individual with a temperature of 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit or greater and/or cough, chest pressure, and shortness of breath may not enter the facility and will be sent home.

Pick-Up Procedures (Monday – Friday, 2:30 – 2:50 PM)

- Parents/caregivers, please stay in your car until a staff member escorts your child(ren) to the appropriate vehicle.
- Per The Rich Center for Autism Parent Handbook late pick up is highly discouraged as this interferes with meetings, planning for staff, and completing cleaning protocols

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prior to the day's end. If late pick up times become a habit, families will be invoiced in accordance with the Parent Handbook.

Cleaning/Disinfecting of Work Areas

- Common student areas including the cafeteria, gym, sensory, and playroom will be open. It is recommended to clean the area after each department uses the shared spaces.
- Regular cleaning and disinfecting should take place throughout the school day in all classrooms, common spaces, and restrooms.
- All toys and regularly accessed student items should be sanitized after the items are used.
- Cleaning supplies will be made available and accessible in all areas.
- Refer to ODJFS: <https://emanuals.jfs.ohio.gov/ChildCare/ChildCareCenter/Rules/5101-2-12-13.stm> with any cleaning/santizing requirements.

Lunch

- All students are to bring a lunch daily, labeled with their name.
- If students bring a water bottle, it needs to be labeled with their name and date daily.

Communication

- We will be sending both digital and paper-based communications throughout the school year. Regarding digital communication, information will be shared on Tadpoles (home notes), One Call Now, and email.

Visitors

- Visitors are welcome at The Rich Center for Autism. Regarding face coverings and other health and safety protocols, all visitors are asked to adhere to the guidance included regarding vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.

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