

Ohio House of Representatives COVID-19 Resource Guide

July 28, 2020

Other Federal and State Agency Changes

Education

On June 2, 2020, Governor DeWine announced that as of right now, Ohio intends to reopen schools in the fall, but individual starting dates will be up to each local school board.

For K-12 Responsible Restart Ohio Guidelines, visit:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/schools/K-12-Schools-Guidance.pdf>

For Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Ohio's Schools and Districts, visit:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>

EdChoice Scholarship

Freezes the 2019-20 performance-based EdChoice building eligibility list at 517 buildings for the 2020-21 school year. This allows siblings of current voucher students to participate. Under continuing law, the EdChoice application portal will open for 60 days beginning April 1, 2020, to process income-based EdChoice vouchers, renewals of existing performance-based vouchers, and new students attending the 517 buildings already on the list. The legislation expressly prohibits expansion of the building list to 1,227 buildings.

Teacher Evaluations and Licenses

Provides flexibility for teacher evaluations that were due to be completed during the 2019-20 school year and removes the value-added component from the evaluation. For new teachers unable to take the final licensure test due to testing center closures, the bill provides them with a provisional teaching license for the 2020-21 school year if they have graduated from college, and have successfully completed student teaching and a background check.

For a full FAQ list from the Ohio Department of Education, please visit:

<http://education.ohio.gov/Topics/Student-Supports/Coronavirus>